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Wayne Administrator Recognized as Exemplary Elementary Educator

(WAYNE, NJ) - The Wayne Township Public Schools are proud to announce that Dr. Lydia Cooper has been recognized by the New Jersey Department of Education as a 2016 New Jersey Exemplary Elementary Educator. The goal of this program is to identify educators who are valued by their school district and community and have exhibited strong knowledge and skills, an inspiring presence, and a clear vision for quality teaching and learning. Dr. Cooper was part of a rigorous selection process and selected based on her exceptional leadership abilities. She has had a positive impact on our Wayne Township Public Schools Elementary school students, colleagues and the school community.

During her three years of service to the community as an assistant principal, Dr. Cooper has been involved in a number of important initiatives. She played a key role with the implementation of the new math program. She is well known for her work as a "teacher of teachers" through her delivery of numerous professional development programs at the Wayne Township Learning Center. She was also a key contributor with the development of the new kindergarten wrap program.

Although Dr. Cooper is proud to be a practicing educator, she retains an interest in educational research. One of her primary areas of research has to do with the social and emotional development of gifted and talented students. She served as a statistician for an academic paper and she completed a study to determine the effectiveness of various assessments with accurately capturing student learning.

When not working for the Wayne Township Public Schools, Dr. Cooper pursues her passion for dance. In her free time, Dr. Cooper works with aspiring dancers as a choreographer and guest teacher.

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