

# SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

To: All District Personnel

From: Dr. Kathleen Regan on behalf of the District Teacher of the Year Selection Committee

Subject: **Glen Rock District Teacher of the Year for 2012-13**

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On behalf of the District Teacher of the Year Selection Committee, it is with great pleasure to announce **Ms. Colleen Orsini**, Special Education Teacher at Byrd School, as the 2012-13 Glen°Rock School District Teacher of the Year.

Colleen has been a teacher for 17 years and has been a teacher in the Glen Rock School District since 2006. She received her B.S. in Elementary Education from Iona College in 1991 and her M.A. in Moderate Special Needs from Salem State College in 1996. Between 1996-2002, Colleen was a Resource Center Teacher at School Five in the Linden Public Schools and between 2002-06, in the Oradell Public Schools.



Colleen has served on our District Curriculum Committees for Math, Language Arts and Elementary Report Card. In 2004 and 2005, she was listed in *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*. In her community, Colleen is active in the Newcomer's & Neighbor's Club, which runs food drives and raises funds for scholarships. Colleen is a religious instruction teacher in her church.

The challenges and rewards of being a Resource Room Teacher have given Colleen a strong awareness of the positive impact a teacher can have on the life of a child. She has noted that her best reward is when she worked with a student to master a difficult concept or problem and then observed him "beaming with pride" when he mastered it. Colleen's favorite quote is by Forest Witcraft: "A hundred years from now, it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove—but the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child."

Please join me in congratulating Colleen on her recognition as the Glen Rock School District Teacher of the Year.

*Congratulations, Colleen!*