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Dear District 92½ Parents and Staff:

The Board of Education for the Westchester Public Schools is very pleased to announce that first grade teachers **Barbara Lappe** and **Ricki Schlau** have been named District 92½'s "Persons of the Year" for 2018. Mrs. Lappe and Mrs. Schlau will be honored at the annual Chamber of Commerce event, "Celebrate Westchester," on Saturday, January 26, 2019.

Mrs. Lappe is a committed, hardworking, and dedicated teacher who extends her love, attention and genuine interest in each student. Various nominations said, "Not only does she tend to the needs of her students but she also establishes a connection with parents that truly defines a home/school partnership in a child's education. With her quiet voice, calm order, fun ways to learn, silly tricks to remember rules for math and reading, Mrs. Lappe creates a classroom that is exciting, challenging and fun. Her students leave first grade happy, confident and proud. She is an outstanding teacher to our students, a leader to our district, and a gift to our community."

Mrs. Schlau is a lifelong educator. To quote some of her nomination letters, "She is patient. She is kind. She is understanding. She is open and available; she communicates constantly. She makes the kids feel confident and cared about. She is a cheerleader for our children. She connects with her students and provides a happy environment where they thrive and learn. She is skilled at balancing how to challenge students without losing them. She teaches with her entire heart. She has had a positive influence on every student (and family of each student) she has taught."

For their commitment to our students and our District, we are pleased to honor Mrs. Barbara Lappe and Mrs. Ricki Schlau with the District 92½ "Persons of the Year" Award for 2018. Please join the Board of Education in extending heartfelt congratulations to Mrs. Lappe and Mrs. Schlau.

We are also pleased to share with you that **Oscar Guerrero** (Parent) and the **LBS/Interventionist Team** at WMS (Anthony Becker, Debbie Jankiewicz, and Chris Schoenhardt) were nominated and considered by the Board of Education for the "Person of the Year" award. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Mr. Guerrero, Mr. Becker, Ms. Jankiewicz, and Ms. Schoenhardt for all that they have contributed to our schools. People working together on behalf of the district's students are what make the Westchester Public Schools a special place to work and learn.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donald A. Slager".

Donald A. Slager, President
Board of Education