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Edison Elementary School's Mr. Carlos Anthony Gonzalez recognized as a Teacher of the Year for San Bernardino County

The California Teacher of the Year program was established in 1972 to highlight innovation and positive learning outcomes in teachers' classrooms across the state. The application and vetting process is rigorous and competitive. Over 30 districts are eligible to participate and multiple candidates from each district applied. It is no surprise that **Mr. Carlos Anthony Gonzalez, a middle school teacher at Edison Academy, became just one of four applicants to be honored and recognized as a Teacher of the Year for San Bernardino County.** This places Mr. Gonzalez amongst the State's best in the final stages of the selection process for California Teacher of the Year in 2019.

Mr. Gonzalez serves as a valuable member on Edison's instructional leadership team and PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) leadership team. He is always willing to model, message, and support any aspect of the school's program that supports the best interest of students. He has served as an athletics coach, ASB (Associated Student Body) advisor, and can be counted on to support students in tutoring as well. He has further contributed in numerous ways to teachers beyond his classroom, presenting at district trainings for gifted education and serving as a spotlight teacher in our school district. In these capacities, he has afforded many teachers the advice, model, and guidance needed to move our instructional practices forward district wide.

Mr. Gonzalez is someone who thrives by exploring possibilities. He is guided by his morals, values, and a strong belief in his students. Driven by his own experience in school, Mr. Gonzalez encourages others to focus on their strengths as opposed to their limitations. This is evident by the stories his students share about him and how much he has inspired them to do better and always strive for more. His talent and skills are far reaching.

Mr. Gonzalez will be recognized by the San Bernardino County Board of Education in October. Around this same time, semi-finalists will be selected by a California selection committee to be observed in their classrooms and interviewed by a selection panel. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction will make a final determination and our California Teachers of the Year will be announced shortly thereafter.

"I couldn't think of more qualified individual to represent the Ontario-Montclair School District as this year's California Teacher of the Year. We are eager to see who will be selected and are appreciative that the efforts made by teachers like Mr. Gonzalez are being recognized at the highest levels of our state education system. Congratulations to Mr. Gonzalez on such an incredible accomplishment," stated Board President Elvia M. Rivas.

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