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NEWS RELEASE

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Clifton Education Association to Donate Catered Meals for First Responders

Event Date: April 20-23, 27, 2020

Event Title: Appreciation of Clifton's First Responders

Event Locations: Clifton Fire Department, Clifton Police Department and St. Mary's Hospital

Event Time: 11:30 am-5:00 pm

Contact: Ms. Lori Lalama, President of Clifton Education Association and Ms. Martha Andrea Orrok, Chairperson of CEA PRIDE

Every year, the Clifton Education Association (CEA), an affiliate of The New Jersey Education Association (NJEA), holds PRIDE in Public Education activities at schools throughout the district. The Clifton Education Association receives funding from the NJEA for the PRIDE events that give back to the Clifton community. Events typically take place at locations throughout the district and are designed to be both fun and educational for students, their families, and schools. Past PRIDE events have helped to fund school Family Math Nights, Trunk or Treats, Fall Festivals, and Multicultural or Diversity Dinners, to name a few.

The circumstances surrounding COVID19's stay-at-home orders left the CEA, as well as other school districts, with extra funding. Lori Lalama, CEA President, contacted the NJEA and planned to use the money to help Clifton's first responders during this crisis.

According to Lalama, "The CEA will have a delicious lunch catered and delivered by Corrado's to the Clifton Fire Department for each station, the Clifton Police Department, and St. Mary's General Hospital. The CEA is thankful to all first responders in Clifton who go above and beyond to protect the Clifton Community during this very difficult time. We are PROUD of the work you are doing, and we will never forget your heroism."

Dr. Robertozzi, Superintendent of Clifton Public Schools, said, "Lori Lalama works tirelessly for the children, the staff, and for the community. Finding a way to help the community's first responders during a crisis like this is just who Lori is."

The CEA is an affiliate of the New Jersey Education Association (NJEA) and represents the teachers, paraprofessionals, nurses, media specialists, guidance counselors, child study team members, and student assistance coordinator of the Clifton School District.

Clifton PRIDE is an ongoing campaign created to share the education successes of the Clifton Public School District with all Clifton residents and build strong community support and involvement in our great public schools.

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