



## Brick Township Public Schools

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PRESS RELEASE

### *Brick Schools Teacher Named Ocean County Teacher of the Year! August 10, 2023*

Brick Schools is thrilled to announce Jaclyn Potochar, Lake Riviera Middle School 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher is the 2023-2024 Ocean County Teacher of the Year!

Mrs. Potochar, a teacher leader at Lake Riviera Middle School, has been a teacher in Brick Schools for the past 15 years. She is a highly engaged member of the school community, and a key member of the School Improvement Panel, School Climate Team, and National Junior Honor Society Council. Mrs. Potochar is a teacher leader for one of the schools within a school model at Lake Riviera Middle School.

Mrs. Potochar works with a very diverse cohort of students who truly benefit socially, emotionally, and academically from her ability to build relationships, her excellent pedagogy, and her skill in implementing interventions to meet the individual needs of each of her students. Mr. Campbell, Principal of Lake Riviera Middle School stated, "Her contributions to the Lake Riviera Middle School climate and culture are profound. She not only is an active participant in district and school based professional development, she attends many out of district PD experiences and is often requested as a professional development presenter for school-based initiatives." This past year, Mrs. Potochar provided turnkey training for Academic Teaming to her colleagues.

Mrs. Potochar roots are deep within the community. She is the Lake Riviera Middle School Relay for Life team captain, she organized a holiday meal train for the needy, participates in charity 5K races for Alzheimers and Parkinsons, and assisted with Red Cross blood and clothing drives.

Dr. Anderson, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, stated, "The entire district is proud to have Mrs. Potochar represent Brick Schools as Ocean County Teacher of the Year. Jaclyn represents the very best that public education has to offer."

Dr. Farrell, Superintendent of Schools, stated, "Brick Township Public Schools is fortunate to have such a dedicated teacher in our ranks. Mrs. Potochar is a shining example of the District Vision, "Student-Centered, Teacher-Led, & Community Connected."

For additional information on the news that is the subject of this release, contact Brick Schools Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Alyce Anderson at ext. 1022 or email [aanderson@brickschools.org](mailto:aanderson@brickschools.org).

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