



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Each year, Princeton University invites New Jersey middle and high schools to nominate an exceptional teacher, or team of two co-teachers, for the Princeton Prize for Distinguished Secondary School Teaching. This prize was established in 1959 to annually honor four of the finest secondary teachers among the many educators who are nominated. The chosen recipients are recognized at Princeton University's Commencement ceremony.

We are so proud that Irma Seltzer will receive this year's award for her exceptional contributions to the World Languages Department and for the many initiatives she has launched including "Empathy and Dialogue in the Middle East," in which BCA students participate in a series of videoconferences with young adults residing in different areas of the Middle East: Egypt, Palestine, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, and Israel (both Arab and Jewish guests.) She has chaired the BCA International Day of Acceptance assembly since joining the school in 2001, and organizes a group of students each year to attend the "Teen Talk about Racism" conference at Fairleigh Dickinson University. The objective of the conference is to counter stereotypes among young adults, to create awareness of social justice, and to train students to lead workshops that center around strategies to fight racism. As Principal Russ Davis wrote in his nomination letter, "Ms. Seltzer's ongoing objective is to increase our students' awareness of cultural differences and to lead the students in accepting differences without fear, overcome them and finally find commonalities and mutual understanding."

This is truly a great, and well-deserved, honor.

Sincerely,

Howard Lerner, Ed.D.
Superintendent