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Selecting from another talented collection of educators, the Fremont Unified School District (FUSD) was proud to

select Grimmer Elementary School Intervention Specialist Victoria Quintana as its 2017 'Teacher of the Year.' At a District Office ceremony April 26th, the 26-year FUSD employee was chosen from 40 candidates

and seven finalists representing all FUSD schools and programs for the honor.

“I feel very honored and humbled to receive the award. Representing FUSD teachers, Spanish Dual Immersion and Grimmer Elementary makes me feel very proud,” Quintana said. “It was exciting and invigorating to receive so much praise and positive energy from my peers at the ceremony. However, I am the one who feels blessed to be working in a place where I can call my colleagues friends who make coming to work fun. I am surrounded by extremely hard working teachers and staff who are always supportive and easy to collaborate with.”

A Fremont native and graduate of FUSD’s Kennedy High School, Quintana attended Ohlone College and CSU-Hayward before joining FUSD as a Bilingual Para Professional in 1990. She was one of four teachers hired to launch the Spanish Dual-Immersion program at Azevada Elementary in 1997 and spent time at Vallejo

Mill Elementary before joining Grimmer in 2003, teaching several different grades – all in Spanish Dual-Immersion. Quintana was hired as Program Improvement Specialist at Grimmer in 2012, then transitioned to Multi-Tiered Student Support Coordinator supporting teachers, coordinating intervention groups at all grade levels, assisting with the Junior High Immersion Task Force and creating parent outreach. She earned an MS and Admin Credential from CSU-East Bay in 2015.

"We are so proud of Victoria and the significant contributions she has made to students, families, and staff alike both at the school and district levels," said Grimmer Elementary School Principal, Judy Nye. "She is committed to strong programs supporting learning and equity in education. She is well-respected among a wide array of professionals in our community, and has the best interests of students at the forefront of her mind at all times."



For the Teacher of the Year Award, each FUSD school nominates one teacher for consideration. In addition to Quintana,

finalists included Debbie Afana from Brookvale Elementary, Tracy Barnett from Vallejo Mill Elementary, Erica Hart from Millard Elementary, Jenny Inman from Oliveira Elementary, Farah Moayer from Mattos Elementary and Bob Sterling from Kennedy High School. See the full list of nominees [here](#) and video of the presentation [here](#).

