Encourage an Outstanding Teacher or Counselor to Become a National Board Certified Teacher

National Board Certification offers a way for accomplished teachers to be assessed and recognized, and a way for parents to know their child’s teacher has met high and rigorous standards. The single most important action the nation can take to improve schools is to strengthen teaching. NBPTS develops high and rigorous standards for accomplished teachers and 103,000 teachers across the country and 5,582 teachers in Illinois have demonstrated that they meet those standards by achieving National Board Certification.

National Board Certified Teachers are among the nation's most effective teachers who have demonstrated that they meet the highest teaching standards.

The NBPTS certification process takes from one to three years to complete. Throughout this period, candidates:

- Analyze and reflect on student learning through video recordings of classroom teaching and student work samples.
- Learn how to present evidence of student learning which aligns with the New Teacher Performance Evaluation.
- Develop deeper understanding of how to incorporate both formative and summative measures into the practice.
- Expand teacher’s strategies of working with families, the community, and colleagues.
- Respond to online assessment exercises that demonstrate subject-matter expertise.

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation’s Measures of Effective Teaching (MET) Project

Teacher Effectiveness Impacts Student Learning-NB Core Propositions Aligned to Illinois Standards and Professional Learning

The Illinois State Board of Education is pleased to announce the opening of the 2013 Spring Window for the Illinois $2,000 NBPTS Candidate Fee Subsidy. The National Board Resource Center at Illinois State University will process applications for eligible Illinois teachers. Funding is limited to 500 candidates at this time. Please invite an outstanding teacher or counselor to become a National Board Certified Teacher by forwarding this message to them and adding a personal note of encouragement.

To know:
The National Board Resource Center at Illinois State University assists candidates in finding support while going through the National Board process.

The Resource Center provides the following support to candidates free of charge:
1. Face to face cohorts- organized around larger groups of candidates (6 or more) throughout the state.
2. Virtual cohorts-online support for candidates in areas of the state where there are low numbers of candidates.

Candidates can also receive support through:
1. NBPTS support provided through school districts.
2. University graduate coursework designated for NBPTS.

To learn more about the Illinois State Subsidy: Call the National Board Resource Center at Illinois State University 309.438.1833