

April 16, 2009

Dear Principal:

I am pleased to inform you of the opportunity for classroom teachers and counselors to participate in the 2009 Candidate Subsidy Scholarship Program of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS). The NBPT will provide a \$1250 subsidy of the \$2500 application fee/registration fee for forty-five classroom teachers/counselors to participate in the National Board Certification Program during the 2009-10 school year. Candidates will be required to pay the additional \$1250 and registration fee of \$65 or find another resource. Selection will be based on the completed application due May 15, 2009. A second round of applications will be accepted until October 1, 2009. The application process begins with the submission of the completed attached application to:

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In order to apply for the program, a teacher must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Hold a baccalaureate degree
- Have a minimum of three years of teaching experience
- Hold a valid state teaching license for those three years
- Be teaching in a classroom for the 2009-2010 school year or hold a school counseling position for the 2009-2010 school year.
- Be teaching in one of the fields where certificates are offered:
  - **Generalist** (Early Childhood or Middle Childhood)
  - **Art** (Early and Middle Childhood or Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood)
  - **Career and Technical Education** (Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood)
  - **English as a New Language** (Early and Middle Childhood or Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood)
  - **English Language Arts** (Early and Middle Childhood/Literacy-Reading Language Arts or Early Adolescence or Adolescence and Young Adulthood)
  - **Exceptional Needs** (Early Childhood through Young Adulthood)
  - **Library Media** (Early Childhood through Young Adulthood)
  - **Mathematics** (Early Adolescence or Adolescence and Young Adulthood)

- **Music** (Early and Middle Childhood or Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood)
- **Physical Education** (Early and Middle Childhood or Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood)
- **School Counseling** (Early Childhood through Young Adulthood)
- **Science** (Early Adolescence or Adolescence and Young Adulthood)
- **Social Studies-History** (Early Adolescence and Adolescence through Young Adulthood)

It is suggested that educators access the NPBTS website at [www.nbpts.org](http://www.nbpts.org) for information (many questions about the program will be answered by checking this website). Additional funding from school districts may be applied for by individual candidates contacting their district human resource director.

Successful applicants will be notified by May 20, 2009. All successful applicants will be required to attend a National Board candidate meeting on June 6, 2009, 9:00am-1:00pm.

Thank you for providing this information to any interested teacher.

Sincerely,

Linda Alder

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Attachment