



WAKE LEADS NATION IN NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFIED TEACHERS

In December 2017, 106 WCPSS teachers earned National Board Certification according to the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. In addition, 117 teachers who already had received their National Board Certification earned renewal of their certifications.

For the 12th consecutive year, our district has the highest number of National Board Certified teachers in the country. More than 2,000 teachers have earned this high distinction while working in our district. This success is thanks in part to the support we provide to candidates at every step of the process, from initial candidacy through renewal.

Statewide, 616 teachers achieved this “gold standard” in teaching in 2017. These teachers are part of the first group to certify under a revised process, which is now more affordable and flexible. Under this new process, teachers now have up to three years to complete board certification, as opposed to one year in the previous process.

Our district also is the first in the nation to partner with the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards to create a program designed to support third-year teachers as they prepare to pursue board certification. In the district’s Beginner to Board-Certified program, participants attend professional development sessions throughout the year as a cohort and move together through the certification process starting in the fourth year of their career. Eleven new NBCTs who participated in the first

Beginner to Board-Certified cohort achieved board certification this past December. Many others in our first two cohorts are continuing to work towards earning board certification.

Seeking National Board Certification demands significant time and effort from a teacher. The process requires teachers to analyze their teaching practices and impact on student learning, to take on leadership roles and to collaborate with their peers. The National Board Certification program is built upon the belief that establishing higher standards for teachers means better learning for students.

Once a candidate becomes a National Board Certified Teacher, he or she is eligible for a 12 percent pay increase from the state.

Under the new process, National Board Certification must be renewed every five years.

Newly certified teachers, along with those receiving renewals this year, will be honored at a celebration in March.

For more information about National Board certification, visit <http://www.wcpss.net/nbct>.

Congratulations to the teachers who earned or renewed National Board Certification in 2017. To see a complete list of the WCPSS teachers who have earned National Board Certification please visit wcpss.net and search National Board Certified Teachers.