



Hello newly certified National Board Certified Teacher!

Congratulations, and welcome to the National Board community in our state. This year, you and 945 of your Washington peers earned National Board Certification. By earning this prestigious certification, you have shown that you embody the Five Core Propositions, have successfully connected NB Standards to your practice, and can articulate how you positively impact student learning. You are an accomplished teacher.

We are the Washington State National Board Network Partners. We are three partner agencies, the Center for Strengthening the Teaching Profession (CSTP pronounced C-Step), Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), and Washington Education Association (WEA), working together to promote accomplished teaching through National Board Certification and teacher leadership in our state. Each of these agencies have learning and leadership opportunities for you, and we invite you to engage in efforts to ensure that each Washington State student has access to accomplished teachers like yourself. Below are just a few of the opportunities for you through each of the three Washington State NB Network Partners.

CSTP: CSTP is a Washington State based independent non-profit focused on teacher leadership development. CSTP works to develop the leadership skills of National Board Certified Teachers and other teacher leaders. CSTP invites you to the 2015 CSTP NBCT Leadership Conference May 16-17, 2015, at Sleeping Lady resort in Leavenworth, Washington. Registration opens February 26th. Go to www.cstp-wa.org to learn more.

OSPI: The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction has many leadership opportunities for accomplished teachers. Look for information in February if you are interested in supporting National Board candidates through their certification process. For National Board related information from OSPI, go to <http://www.k12.wa.us/Certification/nbpts/NBCT/default.aspx>

WEA: Washington Education Association has a cadre of trained NBCT Ambassadors available to make presentations about National Board Certification. The WEA also supports NBCTs to host legislators to co-teach lessons in their classrooms to strengthen relationships between policymakers and educators. To schedule a presentation for potential candidates in your district or school or to invite a legislator to your classroom, email maren.johnson@washingtonea.org

Want to know more about what's being said about you and your peers? Read this press release about new NBCTs:

We are thrilled to hear of your great accomplishment and we look forward to connecting with you as you begin the next steps in your journey as an NBCT.

Sincerely,

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