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Evers commends state's National Board Certified Teachers

MADISON — State Superintendent Tony Evers commended 86 state teachers who earned National Board Certification in 2009 for their commitment on behalf of Wisconsin's children.

“National Board Certification requires teachers to deepen their content knowledge and improve their professional practice,” Evers said. “The rigorous process of earning national certification has a positive impact in the classroom and on student learning. I commend these educators for their commitment to teaching excellence.”

The state's newly board-certified teachers were among 8,900 nationwide who achieved certification in 2009. With 676 board-certified teachers, Wisconsin ranks 19th in the nation in the number of teachers achieving certification through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. The five Wisconsin districts with the highest number of board-certified teachers are: Milwaukee, 52; Madison, 30; Manitowoc, 24; Eau Claire Area, 16; and Sheboygan Area, 16.

National Board Certification is a voluntary program designed to develop, recognize, and retain accomplished teachers. The process, which takes from one to three years, requires teachers to take performance-based assessments that include written exercises that probe subject-area knowledge and understanding of how to teach those subjects to students. Additionally, candidates submit a teaching portfolio of student work samples and video recorded lessons that demonstrates their classroom teaching practice and levels of student achievement.

In Wisconsin, teachers can receive up to \$2,000 to reimburse the cost of earning National Board Certification and nine annual stipends of \$2,500 if they remain employed as educators. Teachers who work in high-need, high-poverty schools can receive an additional \$2,500 annually.

“We want and need our very best teachers in high-needs schools,” Evers said. He noted that National Board Certification is the highest level of certification in the teaching profession. It corresponds to Wisconsin's 10-year master educator license, the highest level in the state's three-tiered licensing system.

A congressionally mandated report by the National Research Council confirmed that National Board Certified teachers stay in the classroom longer, support new and struggling teachers, and assume other school-based

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leadership roles. Most importantly, students in classrooms taught by board certified teachers make higher gains on achievement tests than students taught by non-board certified teachers.

“Dedicated educators are the heart of any educational change,” Evers said. “Research shows that teachers who earn National Board Certification make a real difference in their classrooms and in their school community. I encourage educators to seek this credential and to volunteer to work in the toughest teaching assignments. Our students need highly qualified teachers to help them graduate ready for the workforce or further education.”

Nationally, more than 82,000 teachers have earned National Board Certification since the board was created in 1987.

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NOTES: A list of teachers who earned National Board Certification follows. This news release is available electronically at http://dpi.wi.gov/eis/pdf/dpinr2010_01.pdf.

Wisconsin's 2009

National Board Certified Teachers

Christine Ahrens of Sheboygan Falls
Cooper Elementary School
Sheboygan Area School District
Generalist/Middle Childhood

M. Gillian Arbuckle King of Oshkosh
Woodworth Middle School
Fond du Lac School District
Science/Early Adolescence

Betsy Barnard
West High School
Madison Metropolitan School District
Science/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Anita Bensman
95th Street Elementary School
Milwaukee Public Schools
Generalist/Early Childhood

Nancie Brennan
Edison Middle School
Green Bay Area School District
*Exceptional Needs Specialist/Early
Childhood through Young Adulthood*

Kim Cline
James Madison Elementary School
Sheboygan Area School District
*Exceptional Needs Specialist/Early
Childhood through Young Adulthood*

Jami Collins
Marshall Early Learning Center
Marshall School District
Generalist/Early Childhood

Timothy Corcoran
Stevens Point Area Senior High School
Stevens Point Area School District
Science/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Molly Coughlin
River Falls High School
River Falls School District
Mathematics/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Stephanie Dalton
Roosevelt Elementary School
Wauwatosa School District
Generalist/Early Childhood

Jessica Deibel
Garland Elementary School
Milwaukee Public Schools
Generalist/Early Childhood

Jessica Edwards of Monona
Northside Elementary School
Sun Prairie Area School District
*Literacy: Reading-Language Arts/Early
and Middle Childhood*

Mark Ellis
Farnsworth Middle School
Sheboygan Area School District
*Career and Technical Education/Early
Adolescence through Young Adulthood*

Jenny Engels
James Madison Elementary School
Sheboygan Area School District
Generalist/Middle Childhood

Teresa Ericksmoen of La Crosse
Sand Lake Elementary School
Holmen School District
Generalist/Early Childhood

Mary Fassbender
Forest Park Middle School
Franklin Public School District
Science/Early Adolescence

Kevin Formolo
South High School
Sheboygan Area School District
*School Counseling/Early Childhood
through Young Adulthood*

Susan Freiss of Madison
Stoner Prairie Elementary School
Verona Area School District
Generalist/Middle Childhood

Gordon Gasch
Brillion High School
Brillion School District
*Career and Technical Education/Early
Adolescence through Young Adulthood*

Angela George
Mitchell Elementary School
Milwaukee Public Schools
Generalist/Middle Childhood

Robin George
Sand Lake Elementary School
Holmen School District
Generalist/Early Childhood

Eric Gettrust
West High School
Madison Metropolitan School District
Science/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Nicholas Gilles of Plum City
Spring Valley Middle / High School
Spring Valley School District
*Career and Technical Education/Early
Adolescence through Young Adulthood*

Ellen Grunder of Dane
Waunakee High School
Waunakee Community School District
*World Languages Other than English/Early
Adolescence through Young Adulthood*

Sharon Hansen of Oshkosh
Berlin Middle School
Berlin Area School District
*School Counseling/Early Childhood
through Young Adulthood*

Sharonda Harris
Emerson Elementary School
Milwaukee Public Schools
Mathematics/Early Adolescence

Marsha Herman
Westside Elementary School
Sun Prairie Area School District
Generalist/Early Childhood

Sarah Holst
North Junior High School
Menomonee Falls School District
*Music/Early Adolescence through
Young Adulthood*

Patsy Hook
Sugar Creek Elementary School
Verona Area School District
Generalist/Middle Childhood

Jodi Hoscheit of Onalaska
Sand Lake Elementary School
Holmen School District
Generalist/Middle Childhood

Jennifer Huckeby
Milwaukee Sign Language
Elementary School
Milwaukee Public Schools
Science/Early Adolescence

Kelly Isselmann of Kiel
Valders Elementary School
Valders Area School District
*Literacy: Reading-Language Arts/Early
and Middle Childhood*

Susan Iverson
Sparta High School
Sparta Area School District
Art/Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood

Jennifer Jakubowski of Cedarburg
Grafton Elementary School
Grafton School District
Music/Early and Middle Childhood

Dominic Johann-Berkel
West High School
Madison Metropolitan School District
Mathematics/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Jay Johnson
North High School
Sheboygan Area School District
*Social Studies - History/Adolescence
and Young Adulthood*

Jennifer Johnson of La Crosse
Eagle Bluff Elementary School
Onalaska School District
Generalist/Early Childhood

Kelly Jones
Lincoln Elementary School
Madison Metropolitan School District
*English as a New Language/Early
and Middle Childhood*

Cynthia Kane of Milladore
Grove Elementary School
Wisconsin Rapids School District
*Literacy: Reading-Language Arts/Early
and Middle Childhood*

Kevin Kiel of Sheboygan
Wilson Junior High School
Manitowoc School District
Science/Early Adolescence

Jennifer Koenecke
Greenville Middle School
Hortonville School District
Generalist/Middle Childhood

Michelle Koenig of Oak Creek
Forest Park Middle School
Franklin Public School District
Mathematics/Early Adolescence

Julie Koleno
Longfellow Elementary School
Sheboygan Area School District
Generalist/Early Childhood

Sandra Kowalczyk of Marshall
Patrick Marsh Middle School
Sun Prairie Area School District
*Literacy: Reading-Language Arts/Early
and Middle Childhood*

Erin Krase-Minck of Muskego
Forest Park Middle School
Franklin Public School District
*Exceptional Needs Specialist/Early
Childhood through Young Adulthood*

Ann Kroncke
Platteville High School
Platteville School District
Science/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Rebecca Letter
North High School
Sheboygan Area School District
*Social Studies - History/Adolescence
and Young Adulthood*

Sarah Lima
Milton Middle School
Milton School District
Mathematics/Early Adolescence

Christine Lindsey of Washburn
Lake Superior Primary School
Ashland School District
*Library Media/Early Childhood
through Young Adulthood*

Joey Luba
Mack Alternative Center
Racine School District
*Physical Education/Early
Adolescence through Young Adulthood*

Paul Majors of Fort Atkinson
Whitewater High School
Whitewater School District
*Career and Technical Education/Early
Adolescence through Young Adulthood*

Lynnete McCarty
New Richmond Middle School
New Richmond School District
Science/Early Adolescence

Denise Meyer of La Crosse
Onalaska High School
Onalaska School District
*English Language Arts/Adolescence
and Young Adulthood*

Kellie Miller
Lincoln Elementary School
Madison Metropolitan School District
*Literacy: Reading-Language Arts/Early
and Middle Childhood*

Cheryl Miracle of Milwaukee
Forest Park Middle School
Franklin Public School District
*Music/Early Adolescence through
Young Adulthood*

Shawn Moore
Riverview Elementary School
Manitowoc School District
Generalist/Early Childhood

Allison Nyara of Ashland
Bayfield Elementary School
Bayfield School District
Generalist/Early Childhood

Teresa Parris Ford
Memorial High School
Madison Metropolitan School District
*Art/Early Adolescence through
Young Adulthood*

Bruce Peterson
Westby Elementary School
Westby Area School District
Generalist/Middle Childhood

Mary Ploeser
Spring Harbor Middle School
Madison Metropolitan School District
Mathematics/Early Adolescence

Karen Rehorst Porras
Morgandale Elementary School
Milwaukee Public Schools
Generalist/Middle Childhood

Daniel Rhode of Dodgeville
Mineral Point Elementary School
Mineral Point School District
*Exceptional Needs Specialist/Early
Childhood through Young Adulthood*

Katherine Rybak
Bird Elementary School
Sun Prairie Area School District
*Exceptional Needs Specialist/Early
Childhood through Young Adulthood*

Amy Schiefelbein of Madison
Bird Elementary School
Sun Prairie Area School District
Music/Early and Middle Childhood

Rachael Schroeder of Potosi
Mineral Point Elementary School
Mineral Point School District
*Literacy: Reading-Language Arts/Early
and Middle Childhood*

Christine Sebranek of Holmen
G-E-T Kindernook Center
Galesville-Ettrick-Trempealeau School District
Generalist/Early Childhood

Kimberly Serene
River Falls High School
River Falls School District
Mathematics/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Stacy Shrode of Appleton
Kimberly High School
Kimberly Area School District
Mathematics/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Debra Sirek of Birchwood
Hilltop Elementary School
Rice Lake Area School District
Generalist/Early Childhood

Nicholas Sirek
Sherman Elementary School
Eau Claire Area School District
Generalist/Middle Childhood

Donna Smith of Slinger
Arrowhead High School, Hartland
Arrowhead UHS District
*Library Media/Early Childhood
through Young Adulthood*

Steven Somerson
East High School
Madison Metropolitan School District
Mathematics/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Jennifer Spors
Badger Middle School
West Bend School District
Mathematics/Early Adolescence

Jeri Stauffer
Sand Lake Elementary School
Holmen School District
Generalist/Early Childhood

Jason Strauss of Madison
Verona Area High School
Verona Area School District
Science/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Julie Stumbras
Creekside Elementary School
Sun Prairie Area School District
*Exceptional Needs Specialist/Early
Childhood through Young Adulthood*

Michelle Syverson Weber of Wales
Kettle Moraine High School
Kettle Moraine School District
*World Languages Other than English/Early
Adolescence through Young Adulthood*

Dawn Tauscher of West Salem
Sand Lake Elementary School
Holmen School District
*Exceptional Needs Specialist/Early
Childhood through Young Adulthood*

Christine Thiel
Longfellow Elementary School
Sheboygan Area School District
*Exceptional Needs Specialist/Early
Childhood through Young Adulthood*

Timothy Thompson of Oregon
West High School
Madison Metropolitan School District
Science/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Kimberly Trendel of Waukesha
Forest Park Middle School
Franklin Public School District
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Childhood through Young Adulthood*

Therese Urben
James Madison Elementary School
Sheboygan Area School District
Generalist/Middle Childhood

Laura Vargo
Allen-Field Elementary School
Milwaukee Public Schools
*English as a New Language/Early
and Middle Childhood*

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Holmen High School
Holmen School District
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Melissa Winker of Fitchburg
Memorial High School
Madison Metropolitan School District
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Cynthia Zielinski
Allen-Field Elementary School
Milwaukee Public Schools
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and Middle Childhood*