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Congratulations to Wisconsin's 37 new national certified teachers

MADISON — Thirty-seven teachers from 24 public school districts and two private schools throughout the state achieved certification through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, joining 1,826 nationwide who newly earned the National Board Certified Teacher (NBCT) credential in 2015.

“Congratulations to our new National Board Certified teachers,” said State Superintendent Tony Evers. “It takes a true commitment to teaching our children and to the teaching profession to earn this credential. I commend these educators for completing this rigorous process.”

Statewide 972 teachers in Wisconsin's schools are certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. They are among more than 112,000 board certified teachers nationwide. Certification consists of four components: written assessment of content knowledge, reflection on student work samples, video and analysis of teaching practice, and documented impact and accomplishments as a teaching professional. The voluntary process can be completed over one to three years.

Wisconsin is among approximately two-thirds of states that provide salary incentives and cover some costs to achieve the advanced credential. Those who teach in state schools can receive up to \$2,000 to reimburse the cost of earning national board certification. Among requirements to receive nine annual stipends of \$2,500, teachers must remain employed as Wisconsin educators and be rated “effective” or “highly effective” in the applicable educator effectiveness system. Wisconsin teachers who work in high-need, high-poverty schools in the state can receive an additional \$2,500 annually. In addition, teachers with a Wisconsin Professional Educator License can qualify for the Wisconsin Master Educator License after earning NBCT certification.

Of the 24 Wisconsin public school districts with newly certified teachers for 2015, the Menomonee Falls and Northland Pines school districts each had three educators earn national certification. Wisconsin is ranked 20th in the nation for the number of teachers certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

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NOTES: A list of Wisconsin's new 2015 National Board Certified Teachers follows. Additional information about the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards can be found at <http://www.nbpts.org/>. This news release is available electronically at http://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/news-release/dpinr2015_117.pdf.

Wisconsin's 2015

National Board Certified Teachers

Belleville School District

Meredith Smith, Belleville High School
Adolescence and Young Adulthood/Science

Beloit School District

Janet Albert of Janesville, Morgan Elementary School
Middle Childhood/Generalist

Terri Ross of Evansville, Merrill Elementary School
Early Childhood/Generalist

Eau Claire Area School District

Adam Boll, DeLong Middle School
Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood/Music

Fort Atkinson School District

Martha MacWilliams, Luther Elementary School
Middle Childhood/Generalist

Franklin Public School District

Kathryn Egan of Wind Lake, Forest Park Middle School
Early Adolescence/Social Studies-History

Germantown School District

Colleen Schowalter of Colgate,
Rockfield Elementary School
Middle Childhood/Generalist

Hartford Union High School District

Kathryn Herrmann, Hartford Union High School
*Adolescence and Young Adulthood/English
Language Arts*

Janesville School District

Andrea Behn, Parker High School
*Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood/World
Languages Other Than English*

Christine Munch of Beloit, Adams Elementary School
Early Adolescence/English Language Arts

Jefferson School District

Sarah Rao of Fort Atkinson, West Elementary School
*Early and Middle Childhood/English as a
New Language*

Kettle Moraine School District

Erin Heiman of Sussex, Dousman Elementary School
Middle Childhood/Generalist

Kimberly Area School District

Pamela Herrling of Appleton, Janssen Elementary School
Early and Middle Childhood/Physical Education

Kristin Smits of Appleton, Janssen Elementary School
*Early and Middle Childhood/Literacy: Reading-
Language Arts*

Madison Metropolitan School District

Sara Batesky, Sandburg Elementary School
Early Childhood/Generalist

Edith Mileham, Van Hise Elementary School
Early Childhood/Generalist

Marinette School District

Sarah Johnston of Menominee, Mich.,
Marinette Middle School
Early Adolescence/English Language Arts

Brianne Lange, Marinette Middle School
Early Adolescence/English Language Arts

Menomonee Falls School District

Jessica Gierny of West Bend, North Middle School
Early Adolescence/English Language Arts

Jeff Pitrof of Germantown, Riverside Elementary School
Middle Childhood/Generalist

Chris Schraeder of Cedarburg, North Middle School
Early Adolescence/English Language Arts

Milwaukee Public Schools

Stacy Knetter, Reagan College Preparatory High School
Adolescence and Young Adulthood/Science

Matthew Turner, Riverside University High School
*Adolescence and Young Adulthood/Social
Studies-History*

Nicolet Union High School District

Kristin Susedik of Franklin, Nicolet High School
*Early Childhood through Young Adulthood/Exceptional
Needs Specialist*

Northland Pines School District

Ann Marie Perry of Sayner, Northland Pines High School
Adolescence and Young Adulthood/Science

Mary Wait of Land O Lakes, Northland Pines High School
Adolescence and Young Adulthood/English Language Arts

Todd Wilfer of Eagle River, Northland Pines Middle School
Early Adolescence/Science

Plymouth Joint School District

Tina Henriksen, Plymouth High School
Adolescence and Young Adulthood/Science

Racine Unified School District

Michele Steger of Sturtevant, Case High School
*Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood/World
Languages Other Than English*

Ripon Area School District

Lisa Burdick, Crossroads Academy
*Early Adolescence through Young
Adulthood/Health Education*

Saint Croix Falls School District

Suzanne Imhoff of Frederic,
Saint Croix Falls High School
Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood/Art

Siren School District

Jill Tinman, Siren Elementary School
Middle Childhood/Generalist

Stevens Point Area Public School District

Valerie Fetting of Kronenwetter,
Stevens Point Area High School
*Early Childhood through Young Adulthood/
School Counseling*

Superior School District

Sarah Bianchet of Duluth, Minn., Superior Middle School
Early Adolescence/Mathematics

Melanie Swanson of South Range,
Northern Lights Elementary School
Early Childhood through Young Adulthood/Library Media

Private Schools

Kimberly Nernberger of Butler,
Indian Community School of Milwaukee, Franklin
Early and Middle Childhood/Art

Gabrielle Plastrik of Madison, Eagle School of Madison
*Adolescence and Young Adulthood/English
Language Arts*