

Office of the Superintendent of Schools  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Rockville, Maryland

February 28, 2011

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Jerry D. Weast, Superintendent of Schools

Subject: Recognition of Educators Who Earned Certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards in 2010

**Executive Summary**

Through its National Board Certification program, the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) certifies highly accomplished educators who meet rigorous standards through intensive study, expert evaluation, self-assessment, and peer review. National Board Certification has been recognized by the National Research Council as having a positive impact on student achievement, teacher retention, and professional development. Since the program's inception in 1987, more than 91,000 educators nationwide and 1,976 educators in Maryland have achieved National Board Certification. Maryland ranks twelfth in the nation for the total number of educators who have achieved certification over time. These teachers prepare America's diverse student population with the skills it needs to compete in the 21st century workplace.

Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) continues to lead the state in the number of educators who are awarded this prestigious recognition of their proficiency, with 71 new National Board Certified Teachers (NBCTs) this year, including one NBCT who is doubly certified—she is one of only 53 NBCTs nationwide to be certified in two areas. The 71 National Board Certified educators are among the 302 Maryland educators who achieved certification from NBPTS in 2010. This brings the total number of current MCPS teachers who have earned National Board Certification to 584.

NBPTS seeks to identify and recognize teachers who effectively enhance student learning and demonstrate the high level of knowledge, skills, abilities, and commitments reflected in the Five Core Propositions that define what NBCTs should know and be able to do. These propositions align with the goals of MCPS' strategic plan, *Our Call to Action: Pursuit of Excellence*.

**Recommended Resolution**

WHEREAS, The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards has established a voluntary certification program to recognize outstanding teacher competency; and

WHEREAS, The Maryland State Department of Education and Montgomery County Public Schools have participated in financial aid programs to encourage educators to engage in the rigorous process of becoming a National Board Certified Teacher; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery County Public Schools provides a variety of supports to assist candidates as they work through the process of National Board Certification; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery County Public Schools has identified the skills, competencies, and rigor of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards' Five Core Propositions as the foundation for the Montgomery County Public Schools Teachers' Professional Growth System; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education supports increasing the number of National Board Certified Educators; and be it further

Resolved, That Montgomery County Public Schools recognizes and appreciates the leadership skills and abilities of National Board Certified Educators that benefit our staff, students, and communities; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education and the superintendent of schools urge all Montgomery County residents to join in recognizing and expressing their appreciation for these educators and the skills they bring to the students of Montgomery County Public Schools; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education hereby recognizes the educators in the attached list for completing the National Board Certification process and receiving the certificate in November 2010.

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Attachment

## Montgomery County Public Schools 2010 National Board Certified Educators

| <b>Full Name</b>       | <b>Position</b>                                  | <b>Office/School Location</b>       |
|------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| Baird, Katherine E.    | Teacher, High                                    | Walter Johnson High School          |
| Basuino, Martina       | Teacher, Elementary                              | Little Bennett Elementary School    |
| Beck, Mary Ellen       | Teacher, Middle                                  | Neelsville Middle School            |
| Bennett, Katherine S.  | Teacher, ESOL                                    | Highland View Elementary School     |
| Bensman, Heidi A.      | Teacher, Elementary                              | Oakland Terrace Elementary School   |
| Bettis, Kathryn B.     | Special Education Program Specialist, Elementary | Carl Sandburg Learning Center       |
| Bradshaw, Kate E.      | Teacher, Kindergarten                            | Woodlin Elementary School           |
| Briand, Margaret E.    | Teacher, ESOL                                    | Stephen Knolls School               |
| Broeg, Ann M.          | Teacher, Elementary                              | Chevy Chase Elementary School       |
| Brooking, Jennifer L.  | Teacher, Kindergarten                            | Germantown Elementary School        |
| Brooks, Kristin        | Teacher, Elementary                              | Lucy V. Barnsley Elementary School  |
| Carter, Mary C.        | Teacher, Elementary                              | Rolling Terrace Elementary School   |
| Cavallini, Maria G.    | Teacher, High                                    | Walter Johnson High School          |
| Coren, Ann L.          | Teacher, High                                    | Col. Zadok Magruder High School     |
| Cornell, Sandra J.     | Teacher, Elementary                              | North Chevy Chase Elementary School |
| Davis, Kia P.          | Teacher, High                                    | John F. Kennedy High School         |
| Diamondidis, Elaine M. | Teacher, ESOL                                    | Wheaton Woods Elementary School     |
| Engle, Jessica R.      | Teacher, High                                    | Seneca Valley High School           |
| Ezerski, Natasha L.    | Teacher, High                                    | Seneca Valley High School           |
| Flowers, Jeffrey L.    | Teacher, Special Programs                        | Poolesville High School             |
| Francis, Kearney C.    | Teacher, High                                    | Thomas S. Wootton High School       |
| Frederick, Ermyn A.    | Content Specialist                               | Newport Mill Middle School          |
| Gabele, Susan E.       | Teacher, Middle                                  | Tilden Middle School                |
| Galloway, Kerri L.     | Teacher, High                                    | Montgomery Blair High School        |
| Gonzalez, Dora N.      | Teacher, High                                    | Montgomery Blair High School        |
| Hanson, Christopher L. | Teacher, High                                    | Poolesville High School             |
| Harrison, Natasha C.   | Teacher, High                                    | Albert Einstein High School         |
| Herrera, Jennifer I.   | Teacher, Special Education                       | Viers Mill Elementary School        |
| Herz, Pichu            | Teacher, ESOL                                    | Wheaton Woods Elementary School     |
| Hessler, Danielle M.   | Teacher, Elementary                              | Beall Elementary School             |
| Johnson, Sakura G.     | Teacher, High                                    | Springbrook High School             |
| Junkins, Lindsay       | Teacher, High                                    | Rockville High School               |
| Kelley, Elizabeth C.   | Teacher, High                                    | Springbrook High School             |
| Kraus, Karl F.         | Teacher, High                                    | Rockville High School               |
| Lang, Staci C.         | Teacher, High                                    | Rockville High School               |
| Lea, Debra J.          | Teacher, Elementary                              | Germantown Elementary School        |
| Leatherman, Mark W.    | Teacher, Middle                                  | Robert Frost Middle School          |
| Lehmkuhl, Michelle     | Teacher, Elementary                              | Cloverly Elementary School          |
| Lipman, Lisa S.        | Teacher, Special Education                       | Northwood High School               |
| Lotz, Francis G.       | Teacher, Elementary                              | Galway Elementary School            |
| Marzen, Catherine P.   | Teacher, Resource                                | Wheaton High School                 |
| Mathers, Megan T.      | Teacher, Elementary                              | Chevy Chase Elementary School       |

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| McDonald, Michelle L.   | Teacher, Kindergarten                    | South Lake Elementary School                              |
| McGough, Michael A.     | Teacher, Middle                          | Robert Frost Middle School                                |
| McInnis, Kathleen P. *  | Teacher, Elementary                      | Sequoyah Elementary School                                |
| McNab, Charlene R.      | Teacher, Preschool Education Program     | Lois P. Rockwell Elementary School                        |
| McNulty, Celine         | Teacher, Kindergarten                    | Brown Station Elementary School                           |
| Miller, Christina D.    | Teacher, Preschool Education Program     | Infants and Toddlers Program, Rosa M. Parks Middle School |
| Miller, Stephen M.      | Teacher, High                            | Walter Johnson High School                                |
| O'Brien, Colin R.       | Teacher, High                            | Walt Whitman High School                                  |
| O'Connor, Alison L.     | Teacher, Special Education               | Rocky Hill Middle School                                  |
| Oberdorf, Christine D.  | Teacher, Staff Development               | Oak View Elementary School                                |
| Olson, Michelle L.      | Teacher, Elementary                      | Glen Haven Elementary School                              |
| Plotkin, Cathy G.       | Teacher, Prekindergarten                 | Jackson Road Elementary School                            |
| Polischeck, Kimberly L. | Teacher, High                            | Wheaton High School                                       |
| Rea, Thomas A.          | Teacher, Special Education Resource      | Rockville High School                                     |
| Reed, Donald G.         | Teacher, High                            | Rockville High School                                     |
| Reid, Terel             | Teacher, Special Education               | Springbrook High School                                   |
| Roit, Wendy A.          | Teacher, Special Education Resource Room | Rockville High School                                     |
| Rorison, William J.     | Teacher, High                            | Wheaton High School                                       |
| Selby, Juliete M.       | Teacher, Preschool Education Program     | Lois P. Rockwell Elementary School                        |
| Simmons, Katherine A.   | Teacher, High                            | Walter Johnson High School                                |
| Skroback, Christine N.  | Teacher, Kindergarten                    | Beall Elementary School                                   |
| Song, Jeeyoung          | Teacher, ESOL                            | Wheaton Woods Elementary School                           |
| Taylor, Shay E.         | Teacher, High                            | Montgomery Blair High School                              |
| Torres, Ingrid          | Teacher, ESOL                            | Galway Elementary School                                  |
| Turner, Maureen C.      | Teacher, Staff Development               | Luxmanor Elementary School                                |
| Ulrich, Jennifer M.     | Teacher, Kindergarten                    | William Tyler Page Elementary School                      |
| Vieira, Carrie P.       | Teacher, High                            | Rockville High School                                     |
| Watkins, Elizabeth A.   | Teacher, Elementary                      | Whetstone Elementary School                               |
| Whitman, Dana M.        | Teacher, Reading Recovery                | Capt. James E. Daly Elementary School                     |
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\* Holds Dual NBPTS Certification. The first was achieved in 2005 and the second in 2010.