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State Board of Education Honors 10 Teachers for Achieving National Certification

The State Board of Education today honored 10 New Jersey teachers who have successfully completed requirements for national teaching certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. Commissioner of Education William L. Librera presented the 10 teachers to the board for recognition and commendation.

"Today we honor 10 educators who made the decision to seek national certification and thereby extend their professional goals," Commissioner Librera said. "Achieving national certification is an objective coveted by many teachers who are committed to the highest standards of their profession.

"We applaud their success and encourage them to share their expertise and accomplishments with their colleagues and, most importantly, their students," Dr. Librera said.

The Commissioner commended volunteer teachers who already hold national certification, State Farm Insurance, and leaders of the candidate support site centers for their assistance to the candidates for national certification. Individuals singled out for their support of the national board program are Willa Spicer, assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction, South Brunswick Public Schools; Wayne Turner, director of staff development, Newark Public Schools; Dr. Eloise Forster, director of the School of Education, Fairleigh Dickinson University; and Mary Ann Joseph and Jaymie Reeber Kosa, nationally certified teachers.

The 10 New Jersey teachers honored and their areas of national certification are:

- Jane Barricelli, early adolescence / social studies-history, Marlboro Township Public Schools
- Deborah Chernoff, early adolescence through young adulthood/art, Mainland Regional High School
- Arlene Knittel, early adolescence/science, Marlboro Township Public Schools
- Alice Krueger, early childhood/generalist, Hardyston Public Schools
- Ann Mika, early adolescence/English language arts, West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional Public Schools.
- David Morgan, early adolescence/English language arts, South Brunswick Public Schools
- Gene Pagliaro, early adolescence/English language arts, Sussex County Charter School for Technology
- Halyna Reynolds, adolescence and young adulthood/mathematics, Lenape Regional Public Schools
- Andrea Scaturo, adolescence and young adulthood/English language arts, Franklin Township Public Schools
- Ingrid Williams, adolescence and young adulthood, mathematics, Lenape Regional Public Schools

Richard C. Ten Eyck, assistant commissioner for the Division of Educational Programs and Assessment, briefly described the rigor of the national certification process. Teachers completing national certification spend many extra hours studying and reflecting about their practices, developing comprehensive portfolios, and documenting community involvement and growth.

New Jersey currently has 47 teachers who have achieved national board certification. The national board for Professional Teaching Standards was created as a nonpartisan, independent and nonprofit organization. Its mission is to establish high and rigorous standards for what accomplished teachers should know and be able to do, develop and operate a national voluntary system to assess and certify teachers who meet these standards, and to advance related education reforms for the purpose of improving student learning.