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Professional Development

**SUBJECT: RECOGNITION OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
2004 NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFIED TEACHERS**

**COMMITTEE: SCHOOL SUPPORT ACCOUNTABILITY**

The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) is an organization of teachers and other education stakeholders working to advance the teaching profession and improve student learning. The National Board is governed by a 63-member board of directors comprised primarily of classroom teachers.

In 1987, the National Board was created as a nonpartisan, independent and nonprofit organization. Its mission is to establish rigorous standards embodying what accomplished teachers should know and be able to do, develop and operate a national voluntary system to assess and certify teachers who meet those standards and advance related education reform to improve student learning in American schools.

National Board Certified Teachers have received the highest honor the profession has to bestow. They act as role models and spokespersons strengthening the teaching profession by serving as examples of accomplished teachers and they encourage colleagues to undertake the National Board certification process.

As candidates for National Board certification, teachers must complete the NBPTS Certification Portfolio, which requires a minimum of 150 to 200 hours of intensive, reflective, and analytical writing activities, as well as videotaping of classroom instruction. Candidates also undergo a rigorous written assessment, comprised of six 30-minute essay responses discussing effective teaching practices and content knowledge.

188 teachers from Miami-Dade County Public Schools were recently named National Board Certified Teachers (NBCT). With their induction, the district has a total of 793 NBCT's. A list identifying the 2004 NBCT's will be forwarded to the Board separately and will be filed in the Citizen Information Center, the Office of the Board Recording Secretary and the School Board Members' office.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognize the 2004 National Board Certified Teachers and Honor Them for Their Achievement.