



- **Principals support the prospect of advanced certification.** Initial research by NBPTS shows that principals support advanced certification that would recognize the importance of instructional leadership, organizational change, and community involvement—as well as the essential role of the principal in school management. In a recent NBPTS survey, 83 percent of school leader respondents and 69 percent of district leader respondents expressed interest in principal certification. Both school- and district-level leaders were most interested in a certification that would better prepare principals to lead systemic instructional improvement.
- **NBCTs throughout the nation recognize the importance of school-based leadership in creating a culture of learning and supporting accomplished teachers.** Reports from a series of state and national summits on supporting and staffing high-need schools, attended by hundreds of NBCTs, ranked school-building leadership among the most important factors in recruiting and retaining accomplished teachers and advancing student learning.
- **Advanced certification for principals and teacher leaders is moving forward.** Already, the National Board—in collaboration with several committees representing principals, teachers, national organizations and other stakeholders—has developed and finalized core propositions that form the foundation for both certifications. More than 5,000 educators nationwide (including 2,500 principals) provided feedback to help NBPTS ensure that these core propositions reflect current and future accomplished educational leadership.
- **NBPTS will now embark on developing the standards, assessment, scoring rubric and scoring for principal and teacher leader certification.**
- **Funding for advanced certification is well underway—reflecting both private and public sector support.**
  - In addition to the gifts provided by the National Policy Board for Educational Administration and State Farm Insurance Companies, The Chicago Public Education Fund has made a \$1,000,000 investment to the program.
  - The state of North Carolina has decided to support principal certification when it is ready in 2011. NBPTS anticipates that other states will follow.
  - The FY 2009 Omnibus appropriations bill, signed into law in March, provides \$1,000,000 for the development of principal certification.

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