



Summer 2016

Greetings!

School is out and it's time to step away from the classroom. It's also a time to flex your muscles and start a project, develop teacher leader competencies, advocate on behalf of issues you care about and deeply reflect on classroom practices for the year ahead.

As we caution students against loss of skills during the summer, here's the summer wish for you:

[Learn about the Every Student Succeeds Act \(ESSA\)](#) and get involved. [Read a research article](#) and apply your learning. Take an [online course](#). Attend a community learning opportunity such as the [California Teacher's Summit](#). There are many options for you to advance your career and your profession.

"Lost time is never found again." - Benjamin Franklin

Haven't taken the survey yet? To ensure we create content that is valuable to readers like you, we would love your feedback on *The Boardroom*. Fill out the survey [here](#) (estimated completion time: five minutes, max!)

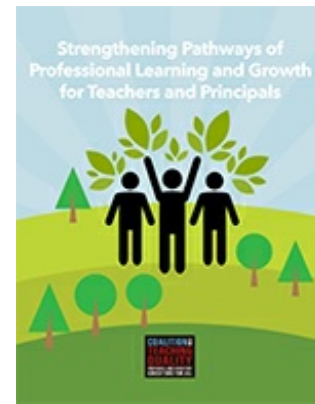
Building the Teaching Continuum

Are You #ESSAready?

In late June, the National Board joined 100+ organizations as part of the [Coalition for Teaching Quality](#) to host two [Capitol Hill briefings](#) focused on ESSA implementation, sponsored separately by Senator Patty Murray (WA) and Representative Glenn Thompson (PA). At the briefings, classroom teachers from across the country, including NBCTs Christopher Poulos (CT), Chris Drape (WA), and Mitzi Durham (NV), spoke to Congressional staff and education stakeholders about the strategies they are using to develop and support teachers across the teaching continuum. Respondents Terry Holliday, former Kentucky Commissioner of Education and current chair of the National Board's Board of Directors, and Angela Minnici, the Director of the [Center on Great Teachers and Leaders](#), provided their perspectives, specifically speaking to the barriers and opportunities for scaling up these practices across states and districts. In conjunction with the briefing, the Coalition released three policy papers on [teacher and principal recruitment](#), [professional learning and growth](#), and [leadership](#).

Weigh In!

Have you heard? The US Department of Education recently released [draft regulations](#) for ESSA. Educators, parents, and other community members have until August 1st to provide feedback. For background information on ways to use ESSA to support professional learning and a continuum of teaching excellence that includes a pathway to National Board Certification, please see National Board's [ESSA Guidance for States and Districts](#) and letter to ED with [recommendations for guidance on Title II of ESSA](#).



Spreading Your Expertise

Announcing the Agents for Learning Finalists

Congratulations to all the finalists in the [Agents for Learning competition](#)! The competition is a nationwide call to action designed to engage educator teams in advocating for the best use of federal funding for professional learning under ESSA. Eight out of the 12 teams feature NBCTs who will travel to Chicago in July to present their plans for professional learning to a panel of judges. Good luck to all! [Check out the list of finalists](#).

Get Connected

NBCT Networks are teams that work alongside National Board to advance the shared vision of building the educator continuum around National Board Certification. The networks were started to help form connections with NBCTs leading the work in states, districts and at various levels of the education system. There are 51 networks in 33 states and more than 17,000 members. Interested in applying to become an NBCT Network? [Contact Michaela Miller](#), NBCT. To connect with your state or local network, [click here](#).

NBCT Movers and Shakers



Meet Monica Beane

Many NBCTs are moving on up into leadership roles, whether it's inside their schools or beyond. In Oregon, Monica Beane, NBCT is taking over as the Executive Director at the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission. Beane comes from West Virginia where she served as the Executive Director in the Office of Educator Effectiveness and Licensure in the West Virginia Department of Education. She's excited about the possibilities of growing the number of NBCTs in Oregon and the impact that accomplished teachers have in the classroom. Congratulations!

Do you have exciting news to share? We'd love to celebrate you! Email us at opportunities@nbpts.org.

Opportunities:

Calling all California teachers!

Registration is open for the second annual #CATeachersSummit on July 29. Don't miss this unique opportunity to share ideas, build your network and take your teaching to the next level. [Reserve your spot today](#) and spread the word to fellow teachers!



#CATeachersSummit will bring #teachers together to share ideas and learn from each other. Join us on 7/29: cateacherssummit.com

Share My Lesson: "Teachers Don't Take a Vacation-Neither Do We"

Did you know? 83% of teachers voluntarily engage in professional development over the summer. Are you one of them? To support your focus on professional development and back-to-school prep, Share My Lesson has handpicked everything from lesson plan units on key themes to webinars featuring science, math and humanities content.

Learn how to get access to these resources and [get started today!](#)

Apply: Long Beach Teach to Lead Summit

Do you have a GREAT idea that you need help developing? [Teach to Lead](#) will be holding a Teacher Leadership Summit in Long Beach, CA, on Sept. 24 and 25. Gather your teacher squad and submit an idea by [filling out this survey](#) by July 25!

What We're Reading



Making the Most Out of Summer Reading

While summer is the time for well deserved relaxation, for many teachers, it's also time to reflect on the past school year and get some learning in. [What are the best practices when it comes to grades?](#) [What books should I read to connect with my students and their interests?](#) [How can I better prepare for next year?](#) As you ponder these questions and more, share with us what you're reading, using the hashtag, #NBCTreads! Looking for summer reading

ideas? Check out [this list](#) from the Boston Globe.

#NBBookChat Recap

Thank you to everyone who participated in our first National Board Book Chat, and a special thanks to Francisco Jimenez, author of *The Circuit*, who joined us and answered questions on immigration, education and the American Dream. See the highlights in [this storify](#).

On The Standard...

- [Watching Dreams Become Goals and Goals Become Realities](#) by Chris Murray, NBCT
- [How Can We Best Address the Learning Needs of Our Students?](#) by Java Robinson, NBCT
- [Can We Push Accomplished Teachers Even Further?](#) by David Cohen, NBCT
- [The Reasons Why I Blog](#) by Jennifer Dines, NBCT
- [Passive to Active, Philosophy to Action, Novice to NBCT](#) by Mark Gardner, NBCT
- [#TeachStrong](#) by Gina Wilson, NBCT

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