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Sub: New Option for Your Upcoming October National Board Renewal Deadline

As the school year kicks off nationwide and the National Board's October submission deadline approaches, we have heard from many renewal candidates about the challenges they are facing in the fall of this COVID-19 impacted year--challenges that they could not have anticipated in the spring. In response, we are providing a new deferral option for the October 2020 deadline.

Deferring to 2020-21

If you anticipate being unable to complete your renewal submission by the October 2020 deadline, you can defer to the 2020-21 school year.

- If you are an NBCT in your 9th/19th year, you will:
 - be allowed to complete the current renewal process in 2020-21
 - have your current certificate expiration date extended to 2021
 - have your certification expiration extended to 2030 upon renewal
- If you are an NBCT in your 8th/18th year, you will:
 - be allowed to complete the current renewal process in 2020-21
 - have your certification expiration extended to 2031 upon renewal
 - have an additional opportunity to complete Maintenance of Certification (MOC) in 2021-22 if you do not successfully renew

In order to make this change, you must complete [this form](#) by September 27 at 11:59 pm CT. If you do not complete this form by that date then your October deadline will remain in effect.

Note that your original payment will automatically be applied to the 2020-21 cycle. You will incur no additional costs.

We will host a 30-minute webinar [on September 9 at 7 pm](#) ET to walk you through the process and implications for deferring to Spring 2021. [Register here.](#)

Completing your Renewal

The National Board has issued [guidance](#) for candidates renewing their National Board certification during the COVID-19 pandemic. This has been put in place to provide flexibility for successfully completing and submitting renewal in 2020 and 2021.

In addition to the content online, we will provide regular updates via email and webinars.

The National Board is a teacher-led organization, with all aspects of the work being “by teachers, for teachers.” We are guided by that belief and understand the unique challenges facing teachers during these times. Please keep an eye out for our follow-up communications, watch our social media channels for our announcements and know that we stand with you as you continue to stand by and with our students.

Warmly,

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