



THE BOARDROOM

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National Board Joins Nine States in Promoting Teacher Diversity

The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards has been invited to participate in the Council of Chief State School Officers [Diverse and Learner-Ready Teachers Initiative](#). CEO Peggy Brookins, NBCT, will join national partners at the kickoff meeting this month to support state leaders in CO, DE, IL, LA, MA, MS, NE, NM, and NY in developing plans to address teacher diversity challenges. Please support National Board in this cause by encouraging teachers of color (and *all* eligible teachers) in your network to pursue Board-certification!

National Board Staff Study Singapore's Teacher Career Ladder

What can we learn from the world's best school systems that have raised the prestige of teaching, resolved teacher shortages, and addressed equity in access to excellent educators? In February, members of the National Board staff joined the National Center for Education and the Economy on an international benchmarking trip to study Singapore's teacher career ladder. Some key insights – adequate staffing levels, a commitment to “people-development” at every level, thoughtful and research-informed decision-making, collaboration, and a commitment to investing resources are central to creating teacher career ladders that make teaching a top choice career.



National Board and NCEE delegation meet with principal Hui Feng Lee, teachers, and students at Qihua Primary School in Singapore.

Opportunities

- The Library of Congress is seeking [applications](#) from current performing arts or visual arts teachers for a teacher-in-residence position within its Educational Outreach division during the 2018-2019 school year. [Apply](#) by April 9 to be considered!
- The Hawaii Hope Street Group Teacher Fellowship is taking [applications](#) through April 8. Fellows remain in their classroom full-time and commit 10-15 hours per month to [Hope Street Group](#).
- The [Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation](#) is seeking volunteers who will participate as members of preparations program review teams. [Applications](#) are open until March 30.
- Learner Positioning Systems' webinar series continues on March 28. [Register](#) to access their free [webinar](#) regarding what science tells us about the impact of traumatic experiences on the minds and bodies of children.

On March 14, the day of the [National School Walkout](#), we asked our Twitter followers to share their voice.

National Board @NBPTS · Mar 14
Today is a national school walkout for students and teachers to address gun violence. We want to hear your voice. How do you engage students in the aftermath of tragedies such as the Marjory Stoneman Douglas HS shooting? [#TeacherVoice](#) [#NationalSchoolWalkout](#) [#NBCTStrong](#)

Danny Hollweg, NBCT @ProfHollweg · Mar 14
Replying to @NBPTS
Flexibility & redesigning a unit was key for me in ELA. My students and I had been pairing Tim O'Brien's 'Things They Carried' with essential ?s on [#Ethics](#). Then we added the discussion on Protests in the 60s (Nam, East LA, and current student voices).

Daniel Jocz @joczproductions · Mar 14
Replying to @NBPTS
I have honest conversations with my students. Whether it be following tragedies such as the recent school shootings, or when discussing historical events such as the decision to drop the atomic bomb, we ground all of our conversations in honesty and truly trying to listen.

Chris Murray, NBCT @Mrmurraytweets · Mar 14

Replying to @NBPTS
So w/ Social Studies we talked about how constitutions are created by societies BUT can and should evolve to meet the needs and issues of the time.

Women's History Month - Famous Female Educators



[Maria Montessori](#) was the first woman to enter medical school in Italy and subsequently became a doctor in 1896. Montessori advocated for better support of developmentally disabled children and studied education philosophy extensively. Today, her legacy lives on in the Montessori Method of education and the many schools she inspired that still exist.



When [Septima Clark](#) obtained her teaching license, she was not allowed to teach in her hometown of Charleston, South Carolina for the simple fact that she was black. Determined, she went door to door and gained enough signatures to become the catalyst that overturned Charleston's ban on black teachers. Clark was a prominent activist during the Civil Rights Movement, combining education with the fight for equality.



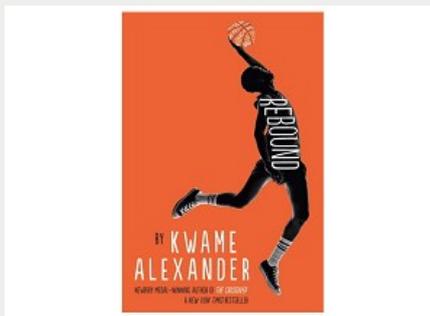
[Emma Willard](#) was an educator who worked tirelessly to increase support for women's education. Perhaps most notably, she founded the first women's higher education institution in the United States – Troy Female Seminary, now called the Emma Willard School. Willard was an author and spent time lecturing, leaving behind a legacy for generations to come.

What We're Reading

- [Leading Next to Students](#) by Debbie Lancaster, NBCT
- [Creating the Conditions for Accomplished Teaching to Grow](#) by Mark Gardner, NBCT
- [You'd Think We'd Have School Figured Out by Now, Right?](#) by David Cohen, NBCT
- [Two Forms of Patriotism](#) by Doug Graney, NBCT
- [A Matter of Trust](#) by Jill Harrison Berg, Christine Connolly, Abda Lee, and Emmanuel Fairley on [ASCD](#)
- [The Sisters Are Alright: Changing the Broken Narrative of Black Women in America](#) by Tamara Winfrey Harris

It's March Madness - YA Style!

Though it may not seem to be the case, there is more to life than NCAA basketball. That's why we draw your attention to [Kwame Alexander's](#) new book *Rebound*. A prequel to his Newbery Medal winning *The Crossover*, this new work, written in verse, isn't solely a basketball book, but touches on childhood, growing up, successes failures – and the rhythms of jazz. Alexander is highly acclaimed and *Rebound* won't disappoint, no matter what team you root for!



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