



THE BOARDROOM

The National Board believes every educator and student deserves a safe place to learn and thrive.

A message from Peggy Brookins, NBCT, President and CEO of the National Board:

In this month's newsletter, we introduce new language on our banner that we'll include for the foreseeable future. We've included this message about school safety because it's important that all NBCTs and our education stakeholders know that the National Board and all of our staff members support them and believe strongly that safe schools are fundamental to quality teaching and learning.

I want you to know that this issue touches me personally, as the school in which I taught for nearly 40 years recently experienced a shooting incident. Along with our students, teachers must use their voice to be heard on this critical issue. We will use this newsletter as our platform to make it clear The National Board believes every educator and student deserves a safe place to learn and thrive. [The National Board stands with teachers](#), always.



Opportunities

- NBCT assessors are needed in a number of cities, including Charlotte and Durham, NC and Newport News, VA. Professional Development credits are available through George Mason University. If interested, [learn more and apply online today!](#)
- The 2019 [Knowles Teaching Fellowship](#) is now taking applications until November 25. High school mathematics and science teachers can [apply here](#) if interested in developing their teaching expertise and leading from the classroom!
- The Graduate Aims Database seeks to help define and measure youth outcomes. Discover more and access the database by [filling out a form](#).
- What do you think about the state of civic education in our country? iCivics and Tisch College are conducting a series of surveys to answer this question and need your input! [Take the survey](#) in less than 15 minutes.



What's Happening



National Board will be participating in the [NEA's Representative Assembly](#) in Minneapolis – their annual convention – from June 30 to July 1. If you'll be attending, we'd love your help staffing the National Board's table in the event's expo. We'll pass out NBCT ribbons, share information with educators interested in learning about Board-certification, and provide additional resources. Please email [Richard Klein](#) at rklein@nbpts.org if you're available to help.

Stay in the Know

National Board President and CEO Peggy Brookins, NBCT and VP of Policy and Research Ellen Sherratt recently visited Illinois (see them pictured to the right in front of the state capitol) to meet with state senators and Board-certified



teachers from across the state. They also met with the state's National Board Resource Center and Network to Transform Teaching (NT3) team to take part in a dialogue with legislators on improving student learning

In addition, National Board staff members also recently met with 30 state education department leaders at the Council of Chief State School Officers Teaching, Leading, and Learning Collaborative. There they discussed ideas for strengthening the teacher career pathway so that it supports those beginning in their careers in becoming accomplished as well as elevating the profession's rigor in the public eye.



What We're Reading



- [How to Save a Classroom Discussion That's Dying](#) by Ray Salazar, NBCT
- [The Power of Community and Storytelling](#) by Jennifer Dines, NBCT
- [They Will Always Be My Students](#) by Michael Dunlea, NBCT
- [Supporting Our Students Means Supporting Our Teachers](#) by Peggy Brookins, NBCT
- [Why Teens Should Understand Their Own Brains \(And Why Their Teachers Should, Too!\)](#) on NPR
- [3 Times I Didn't Lose My End-of-Year Cool](#) by Rita Platt, NBCT

Recent research published in the Journal of Human Resources by Matthew A. Kraft found that "individual teachers vary considerably in which student outcomes they are most effective at developing." [Read more](#) about the study and how teachers impact a "broader set of student outcomes."

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