

March 21, 2024

**RESOLUTION RE: NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFIED TEACHERS RECOGNITION
NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFIED TEACHERS CLASS OF 2023
AND 2023 RENEWED NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFIED TEACHERS**

WHEREAS, the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS), organized in 1987, is comprised of teachers, school policy makers, union leaders, teacher educators and other scholars and legislators whose goal is to maintain high and rigorous standards for accomplished teachers; and

WHEREAS, the NBPTS has developed and operates a national voluntary system to assess and certify teachers, counselors, and librarians who meet these standards, and to recognize those who demonstrate the highest levels of competency; and

WHEREAS, teachers, counselors, and librarians who voluntarily submit to and successfully complete the rigorous multi-year National Board Certification process earn the Illinois NBPTS Endorsement, a nationally recognized credential, symbolizing that the teacher, counselor, or librarian has exceeded standard expectations; and

WHEREAS, National Board Certified Teachers have gone through a rigorous renewal process to maintain their certification after 5 years of service as an NBCT, and

WHEREAS, in partnership with the *Nurturing Teacher Leadership* program of the Chicago Teachers Union that provides candidate support, NBCT program management, mentoring, cohort facilitation, and professional development for CPS teachers, counselors, and librarians seeking National Board Certification, and for NBCTs who seek to renew their NBCT credential; and

WHEREAS, a total of 46 Chicago Public Schools teachers, counselors, or librarians have earned this certificate in December of 2023; and a total of 73 National Board Certified Teachers have renewed their NBCT status through the NBPTS Maintenance of Certification process in December of 2023, exemplifying the goals and standards that this Board of Education encourages all teachers, counselors, and librarians to emulate; and

WHEREAS, 46 National Board Certified Teachers – Class of 2023 are:

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| Vanessa Acevedo | Christopher Guerrero | Eva Rice |
| Donald Bibly | Elizabeth Haave | Edmy Roman |
| Benjamin Brandwein | Theone Haralampopoulos | Carol Rowley |
| Annamaria Castellucci Cabral | Young Im | Emily Saey |
| Julia Ciciora | Fay Jenson | Erin San Juan |
| Brooke Clark | Kaley Jowers | Veronica Schwenn |
| Addison Cochrane | Ashley Kahn | Jaimee Shearn |
| Kathryn Colby | Jessica Kibblewhite | Amanda Star |
| James Conzen | Jeffrey Mallon | Jessica Strauss |
| Laura Cota | Lizzette Melo-Benitez | Elizabeth Tomszak |
| Felicia Daniels | Dieutram Nguyen | Michael Velasquez |
| Ashley Danoff | Mary Jane Nykiel | Nicole Wiktor |
| Alexa Dunn | Jaimin Patel | Hillary Wilson |
| Melissa Flisk | Michelle Petti | Hope Wilson |
| Jama Foley | Puja Ramaswamy | Meagan Zeman |
| | Celeste Ramovic | |

WHEREAS, 73 National Board Certified Teachers who have renewed their NBCT in 2023 are:

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| Alan Allmen | Lisa T. Gunawan | Laura Parsons |
| Reza Alrifai | Paul Hartman | Jenifer Platz |
| Menyett Baker | Abigale Jerzy | Sharon Ponder |
| Kathleen Barabasz | Jennifer Jones | Umbreen Qadeer |
| Jacqueline Barge | Deirdre Keane | Adam Ramirez |
| Amy Bergeson | Chad Kirkpatrick | Ebony Reaves |
| Margi Bhansali | Kathryn Klein | Jonathan Reiman |
| Patrick Brady | Amy Koonce | Tarsia Rhyne |
| Traci Brazel | Kathleen Kuempel | Kerrie Rovito |
| Meredith Brener | Joshua Lerner | Natalie Sabbath |
| Meghan Breyer | Elizabeth Lininger | Karen Soto |
| Laura Brown | Dion Love | Stavroula Sparagis |
| Helen Chan | Katherine Martens | Lida Stewart |
| Veridiana Chavez-Alonso | Paula Matela | Paula Stewart |
| Corinna Christman | Christopher McCabe | Peter Stover |
| Venetia Colon | Chelsea Moorman | Kathleen Styzek |
| Cathleen Curtin Andes | Martha Mulligan | Rachel Sweeney |
| Sarah Dean | Heather Murphy | Joanna Warmouth |
| Deanna Digitale-Grider | Laura Nathan | Michelle Webb |
| Amy Eikenbary-Barber | Rachael Nicholas | Amy Weiss |
| Tiffany Ellis | Ashley Norbut | Nora Wengerski |
| Allison Gillick | James O'Shaughnessy | Christine Wilkison |
| Samantha Gothelf | Elizabeth Osborne | Paula Wyatt |
| Patricia Guizzetti | Todd Osborne | Melanie Yoo |
| | Andrea Parker | |

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the President and Members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 21st day of March 2024, do commend these 119 teachers, counselors, and librarians for their commitment to high and rigorous teaching standards and for achieving or renewing National Board Certification. We also encourage the Chicago Teachers Union Quest Center to continue their efforts in recruiting and providing support for more National Board Certified Teachers in our schools and to continue advocating for a commitment to high quality teaching for all teachers, counselors, and librarians.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be made available to the 46 teachers, counselors, and librarians who have achieved National Board Certification in 2023, and to the 73 teachers, counselors, and librarians who have renewed their National Board Certification in 2023.