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TAKE NOTE!

⇒ **IT IS CRITICAL** for NBCTs to keep their personal information current. [Update Illinois NBCT's Information.](#)

⇒ **NBPTS CONFERENCE**
The 2011 NBPTS Conference will be held [July 28, 2011](#) at the Washington Hilton in Washington, DC. Sign up for updates to remain current on all conference happenings.

⇒ **FY2010 ANNUAL STIPEND**
The state of Illinois is late in paying ALL state grant payments. Funds are being released as state funds become available. For more information click here: [FY2010 Annual Stipend](#)

⇒ **NBCT MENTORS**
Because of reduced state budgets, there will be no compensation this year for mentoring or providing professional development. Mentoring of candidates is now voluntary.

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CELEBRATE ALL THAT'S NEW AT NBRC

CONGRATULATIONS to the NEW 771 ILLINOIS NBCTS!

Illinois continues its progress in advancing National Board Certification with the announcement of 771 new National Board Certified Teachers (NBCTs) in 2010. This year, the state ranked third nationwide with the number of teachers achieving board certification and sixth in the total number of NBCTs over time (4,692). 2010's class of teachers who achieved National Board Certification pushed the number of NBCTs across the country to more than 91,000. National Board Certification is recognized as a model for identifying accomplished teaching practices and is supported by teachers and administrators nationwide. Read more at [NBPTS](#). Meet the [NEW](#) NBCTs.

NBPTS Announces 77 Illinois Teachers ReNEW National Certification of Teaching Excellence The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards has announced that more than 2,200 teachers have successfully met the standards to renew their certificates for National Board Certification in 2010. Seventy-seven of those NBCT's are Illinois teachers. By successfully completing the renewal process for certification, these outstanding teachers continue to meet the nation's highest teaching standards. They continue to be among the tens of thousands of NBCTs who are a part of this country's education reform movement focusing on ensuring that every student has access to an accomplished teacher. [Click here](#) for the list of Illinois teachers who successfully met the standards to renew their National Board Certificates.

HELP RECRUIT CANDIDATES!!

The 2011 Spring window for **600 NEW** first-time candidates will open on February 1, 2011. The candidate fee subsidy application and instructions will be available on the [NBRC website](#) at that time for National Board Certification. **You** are one of our most powerful recruiters for National Certification. We encourage you to share the impact of your experience with *other teachers, your principal, and the entire school community because you can attest to the values of the process.*

[Use Various Recruiting Strategies](#)

In August, 2009, Heritage Elementary Principal Jennifer Bond-Stoeber along with 22 teachers at Heritage Elementary embarked on the *TAKE ONE!* process. NBCT leaders Maryellyn Friel and Laura Newmeyer facilitated meetings twice a month for nine months. The Heritage teachers deepened their understanding of student need, assessment, and Illinois Learning Standards by using these factors to create aligned instruction in the classroom. Teachers commented that their favorite part of TAKE ONE was coming together to view and analyze classroom videos as a unified staff. As one teacher commented, "*TAKE ONE!* has really opened up conversations among teachers. Not only do we talk more as grade level teams, but we've been able to reach out more to other grade levels for ideas and support. *TAKE ONE!* has created a large sense of community at Heritage."

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J. Bond-Stoeber, principal, K. Whitenack, J. Nolan, K. VanStone, L. Rosengarten, D. Hoffman, A. Ortiz, N. Resendiz, L. Cerami, K. Muskovich, K. Witt, I. Gonzalez, M. Fantuzzi, M. Hatch, I. Perez, B. First, C. Berrio, G. Phelan, D. Arti, D. Turner, T. Borda, and K. Davis.

NBCT leaders and Effective Principals make the perfect team to start a TAKE ONE! school.

Take One! is a unique offering from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. By linking student learning to effective instruction, it provides a standards-based approach for improving teaching practices. It allows teachers to prepare and submit one [pre-selected video portfolio entry](#) from any of the current certificate areas of National Board Certification. A teacher can [later transfer the score if he or she chooses to pursue National Board candidacy](#). Contact us to learn how you can start this program at your school.

POSTCARDS from NBCTS

Send us an e-picture or mail us a picture postcard of a teachable moment. Include one or two sentences expressing the impact that specific moment had on your students. The postcards will be featured on our NEW website and used in NBPTS presentations. Click [here](#) for a mandatory release form to accompany the picture postcard. Help us put a face to NBCTS.

Heritage Elementary in Streamwood TAKE ONE!