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### NBPTS Announces 95 Illinois Teachers Renew National Certification of Teaching Excellence

The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards has announced that more than 2,764 teachers have successfully met the standards to renew their certification for National Board Certification in 2011. Ninety-five of those NBCTs 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. The advanced teaching credential is valid for 10 years. In order to renew National Board Certification, a teacher must complete the NBPTS Profile of Professional Growth prior to the expiration date of his or her certificate. The Profile must contain compelling evidence of the NBCT's professional growth linked to student learning since achieving certification. Renewal candidates must begin the renewal process during their eighth or ninth years as NBCTs. If you were certified in 2002 or 2003, it's time to begin the certification renewal process. For more information visit the NBRC at Illinois State University, [NBCT Certificate Renewal](#) for resources and activities. There is currently NOT a fee for NBCTs applying for their Illinois Master Certification. Starting on January 1, 2012 the application fee will be \$10.00. [Application for Master Certificates](#)

### Ronald Thorpe is named president and CEO of NBPTS

The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards has chosen Ronald Thorpe as its new President and CEO. Thorpe joins NBPTS as the organization marks its 25th Anniversary and as the nation focuses on what it means to have great teachers in classrooms. Thorpe, a nationally recognized educator, whose career has focused on professional development of teachers, will take the helm at NBPTS in December. Since 2003, he has been Vice President for Education at WNET, the nation's flagship public television station in New York City, where he has been the architect of the Celebration of Teaching & Learning, a world-class conference for K-12 educators. The attached [press release](#) provides more information about Ronald Thorpe's background, accomplished career, and highlights what leaders in education are saying about the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards' new President and CEO.

### Schools use *Take One!* as their Professional Development Experience —

Two Illinois schools are using the nine month [Take One! whole-school](#) approach to quality Professional Development. [Franklin Middle School](#) in Champaign, with 49 teachers, and [Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary](#) in Urbana, with 29 teachers, have taken part in providing *Take One!* as their effective professional development. Bryan Lake, Jill Shoda, Lisa Krause, Carie Corley-Hughes, Elizabeth Mears, and Margaret Goethals are serving as the instructional NBCT leaders. Administrators Robert Shoda, Angela Smith, and Jennifer Ivory-Tatum teamed with the NBCT leaders to modify the school schedules, allowing for professional development days to be used for collaboration among their staff. Both schools are using *Take One!* to advance student achievement and intervention strategies. Jennifer Ivory-Tatum, principal of Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary, is also participating in the whole school professional development experience with her staff. The two schools will complete the whole school professional development program in April.

### Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School Hosts *Take One!* Facilitator Training —

Sixty NBCTs met on October 29 at Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School in Urbana, to participate in the *Take One!* Facilitator Training. Joan Celestino, a consultant for NBPTS, was the facilitator for this exciting event. The day was spent educating new and experienced NBCT *Take One!* facilitators on how to use the *Take One!* materials when meeting face-to-face with cohorts. The NBCT participants were provided knowledge, skills, and strategies for successfully supporting participants and cohorts through the *Take One!* program. The eight hour training provided an



active, participative approach with participants taking part in a variety of activities to accomplish specified training goals. All NBCTs in attendance left the training with enthusiasm, and the newfound skills to support a *Take One!* professional development program within schools. Fifty NBCTs registered as contact persons to support schools in the development and implementation of the *Take One!* professional development program. For further information on getting started with the *Take One!* program as your schools' professional development plan, please contact the [National Board Resource Center](#) at Illinois State University.