

### TAKE NOTE!

- ⇒ **To Stay Informed**- keep your personal information current. [Update Illinois NBCT's Information.](#)
- ⇒ **Join Us on Facebook**—
- ⇒ **Pay It Forward**- Many NBCTs have benefited from mentoring services offered through the Illinois Comprehensive Support System. Now is the time to pay it forward. Add your name to the list of [NBCT Volunteer Mentors](#). Names of mentors will NOT be posted on the website. Volunteer Mentors will be monitored through the NBRC office.
- ⇒ **NBCT Certification RENEWAL**— If you're in your 8th or 9th year as a National Board Certified Teacher (NBCT) and were certified in 2002 or 2003, it's time to begin the certification renewal process (2011-2012). For an overview of the National Board Renewal Process read [Certification Renewal](#) and [Renewal at a Glance](#).
- ⇒ **Getting It Right**- A Comprehensive Guide to Developing and Sustaining Teacher Evaluation and Support Systems. [Watch the Webcast.](#)

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### Share Stories About NBCTs!

Know an NBCT that's making a difference? Email us at [nbrc@IllinoisState.edu](mailto:nbrc@IllinoisState.edu) and your story may be included in a future newsletter. Be sure to include your contact information along with your submission.

### Certification Renewal Available

2010-2011 Renewal Candidates: Your renewal decisions are available via [My Profile](#). You will need to access your [My Profile](#) account using your existing user name and password to view your Renewal decision.

### 2011 NBCTs TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON

This year the release of candidate scores will occur before December 3, 2011. Prior to notification, NBPTS will post the date when candidates may view their scores. In previous years, notifications were made the week before Thanksgiving and the first week of December, so candidates-in-waiting should continue to check the [NBPTS website](#) throughout the months of November and/or December for the announcement date of when scores will be available for viewing on the NBPTS website. About a week after candidates are allowed to view their results, the public may view the names of newly-named NBCTs on the NBPTS website in the [NBCT directory](#).

### Regional Coordinators for 2011-2012

The seven [Regional Coordinators \(RCs\)](#) for 2011-2012 regularly meet and confer to better provide support for NBPTS candidates in Illinois. The RCs manage the Candidate Cohort Facilitators (CCFs) as they provide direct support to candidates through the Illinois [Candidate Cohort Sessions](#) which are strategically located outside of Chicago. RCs prepare regional schedules, network candidates with NBCT mentors, and deliver retake sessions. To locate your region, view the [NBRC regional map](#).



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**NBCT, Robin English, Exceptional Needs Specialist**—works in a variety of capacities that allow her to share her understanding of the NBPTS Five Core Propositions. She serves as a new teacher mentor within her school and as a candidate cohort facilitator for many local teachers in and around her community. English comments, "The greatest impact of my National Board certification can be seen through my current work as the Freshman Academy Coordinator at Joliet Central High School." She was involved in the development and implementation of a small learning community at Joliet Central High in response to the needs of students and the high school community. In the fall of 2005, Robin took the lead as the Freshman Academy Coordinator and welcomed 700 freshman students into "The Year of the Freshman!" As the FA coordinator, Robin mentors the teachers on her staff, conducts professional development evaluations, develops and implements staff in-services, maintains communication with the school, district and community, and handles parent/student/teacher issues. With Robin's leadership, the FA shows a rise in daily attendance from 89% to 93%, a decrease in behavior concerns with a 20% decline in freshman suspension rates, and an overall rise in report card averages since the implementation of the Freshman Academy 7 years ago. English states, "I attribute the success of the FA to the foundation of solid learning principles that I became familiar with through my NBPTS experiences. In addition to my NBPTS experiences the most important contribution to the success of the academy is working with a highly innovative, quality, and caring Freshman Academy team of teachers".

Watch *The Making of a 2 Million Minutes High School: Joliet, Illinois* at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rnlg9qpZqOk>

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