Hello,

The National Board Resource Center (NBRC) is requesting your assistance in reaching out to administrators who are outstanding professional leaders and who promote the success of every student. The application to take part in this Research-Based Ongoing Professional Development Opportunity is time-sensitive. Please forward this message to administrator leaders who may be interested in participating in this unique professional learning community!

**Exciting Opportunity for Administrator Leaders:**
There are currently forty-seven National Board Professional Development Schools in Illinois led by administrator leaders. The NBRC is expanding this program to include an additional twenty-five schools/districts to take part in this opportunity starting in the fall of the 2017-2018 school year. Members of the National Board Professional Development Schools will spend a year or more fostering personal and professional growth as they build collegial relationships. This program is school based and includes several research-based instructional strategies which focus on implementing effective teaching approaches that nurture critical thinking. Participants support each other in completing the four National Board components, collaborate on adapting curriculum to the Illinois Learning Standards, and articulate teaching practices aligned with the Danielson Framework for Teaching while relating these topics to the school goals. Teachers expand leadership skills which are critical to serving the needs of students, schools and the teaching profession. The overall focus of the National Board Professional Development School program is to impact teaching and learning.

Please refer to the [National Board PD Flier](http://www.nbrc.illinoisstate.edu/) for specific details about the National Board Professional Development School.

**Important Dates:**
March 27, 2017—Application submission
April 3, 2017- The NBRC will notify the schools/districts selected as one of the twenty-five cohorts to participate in the National Board Professional Development Schools program.

Call 309-438-1835 (w) or 815-878-0509 (c) for more information or to set up an appointment. I am also available to present information to large or small groups.

My best,

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