



# Board of Education

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## Board Report

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### RESOLUTION RE: NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFIED TEACHERS RECOGNITION - NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFIED TEACHERS CLASS OF 2024 AND 2024 RENEWED NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFIED TEACHERS

**WHEREAS**, the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS), organized in 1987, is comprised of teachers, school policymakers, 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 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 36 Chicago Public Schools teachers, counselors, or librarians earned this certificate in December of 2024; and a total of 80 National Board Certified Teachers renewed their NBCT status through the NBPTS Maintenance of Certification process in December of 2024, exemplifying the goals and standards that this Board of Education encourages all teachers, counselors, and librarians to emulate; and

**WHEREAS**, 36 National Board Certified Teachers - Class of 2024 are:

Allison Augustine	Erin Kelley	Carole Anne Namowicz
Ayrin Bell	Isabelle Kozlov	Kelsey Nelson
Juliana Boccumini	Olga Kreatsoulas Psychogios	Rosemary Pannell
Alyson Boner Hernandez	Lance Larsen	Madalynn Peterek
Nicole Cannon	Sophia Logothetis	Elisabeth Race
Amy Dobner	Adriana Lopez	Raquel Rattray
Gabriel Dominguez	Haydee Lopez	Kamila Safinski
Jean Fitzgerald	Anita Martinez	Isaac Sporong
Richard Flack	Brian McMahon	Zachary Sweet
Joseph Gondolfi	Julie Merrell	Grant Tedaldi
Matthias Jamison -Koenig	Jane Mizzi	Aleefah Thompson
Ryan Johns	Robin Morgan	Nicole Wimberly

**WHEREAS**, 80 National Board Certified Teachers who have renewed their NBCT in 2024 are:

Andrea Anders	Jenny Ford	Patricia Meegan
Tristan Arnold	Amy Fritsch	Alison Ortony
Sara Baar-Ledford	David Golden	Beth Pfeiffer
Lynn Bailey	Alicia Gomez	Marilyn Ray
Heather Banu	Derek Gould	Aaron Reed
Robert Bendik	Megan Grochowiak	Jennifer Reisner
Carmella Berthia	Timothy Gronholm	Mirelle Rivera
Leigh Bertucci	Yezenia Guzman	Jennifer Ronan
John Boggs	Jennifer Harris	Jennifer Rucker
Kristina Brady	Lindsay Hayden	Thomas Shriner
NaTia Brownlee	Melissa High	Katherine Simon
Lucille Burmov	Catherine Irving	Paula Sontag
Alicia Carlisle	Brigid Jennings	Sara Spachman
Loreal Carrethers	Rivanna Jihan	Hemang Srikishan
Jaclyn Cassello	Andrew Johnson	Leah Stephens
Tiffany Childress Price	Patricia Keating	Anthony Suarez
Leo Congenie	Naseeb Khatoon	Catherine Sweeney
Nicole Cordero	Asma Khudeira	Christine Swiderski
Anna Cruz	Melynda Kroeger	Chad Thomas
Nada Cuvalo	Matthew Lemoyne	Cynthia Thompson
Miranda De Young	Melina Lesus	Catherine Thornton-Stocks
Debra Dossing	Debra Liu	Joseph Tierhold
Elizabeth Drake	Lance Loiselle	Rachel Urquhart
Cheryl Dudeck	Andrea Malek	Maria Julia Vazquez
Elizabeth Dyrst	Michael McDevitt	Samantha Villa
Kathryn Fahey	Colleen McDonough	Heather Walters
	Laura McKnight	Jeffrey Whitcomb

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the President and Members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 24th day of April 2025, do commend these 116 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 recruiting and supporting 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 36 teachers, counselors, and librarians who have achieved National Board Certification in 2024, and to the 80 teachers, counselors, and librarians who have renewed their National Board Certification in 2024.