

# **CMS National Board Support Program**

The CMS National Board Support Program provides complete support for all National Board Candidates pursuing certification and for all NBCTs serving as teacher leaders. The National Board Support Staff includes approximately 50 part-time NBCTs.

This Support Program provides a number of key components:

- **Annual NBCT Celebration:** celebrates all new and renewed NBCTs each January with gift of NBCT pin, certificate, and district-level celebration
- **Annual Candidate Institutes at Wildacres:** offer Portfolio and Assessment Center preparation assistance in a mountain setting in October & April
- **Annual Candidate Institute at Seabrook Island:** offers Portfolio preparation assistance and Professional Reader feedback in February
- **Banking Program:** supports Candidates who are redoing Portfolio entries and/or retaking Assessment Center exercises
- **Leadership Team:** serves as leadership foundation for Support Program, conducts leadership training for NBCTs, and promotes teacher leadership in education
- **National Board Fellowship Program:** provides leadership & partnership opportunities for NBCTs and 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> year teachers at selected high-needs urban schools
- **National Board Summer Institutes:** provide assistance to Candidates who begin the Certification process during the summer months
- **National Board Professional Library:** offers available resources for all teachers
- **NBPTS Recruitment Team:** conducts Information Sessions for prospective Candidates
- **Professional Reader Program:** provides individual feedback on Candidate writing
- **Renewal Program:** offers support groups and professional reading for NBCTs renewing their NB Certification
- **Seamless Saturday Program:** offers monthly seminars on topics unique to the Certification process, content-specific seminars, and pedagogy-based seminars
- **Study Group Program:** offers small-group interactions led by trained NBCT Facilitators
- **Take One! Program:** offers support to Candidates completing a *Take One!* entry