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TO: Members of the State Board of Education
FROM: Lillian M. Lowery, Ed.D. *Lillian M. Lowery*
DATE: December 10, 2013

SUBJECT: Selection of Additional National Board Candidates for 2013-2014 Fee Incentive Program

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this action is to confirm additional candidates to participate in the 2013-2014 Fee Incentive Program established for public school teachers seeking certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS). The NBPTS is no longer supporting the Take One initiative which allowed interested candidates to complete one portfolio entry to become acquainted with the assessment process prior to committing to full participation.

BACKGROUND:

In 1997, the General Assembly enacted legislation that established a three-year program of state and local aid to public school teachers who pursue certification by the NBPTS. In 2005, the General Assembly increased the number of teachers to be supported from 500 to 750; in 2007, the General Assembly increased the number to 1000 teachers. Since the beginning of the state and local aid program, you have selected more than 4,500 teachers to participate in this rigorous assessment.

For the past several years, the NBPTS has offered the Take One initiative which allowed potential candidates to compete one portfolio entry in an effort to become acquainted with the assessment process. Due to recent revisions in the assessment process, the NBPTS no longer supports this initiative. As a result, additional candidates have requested the desire to compete the full assessment process.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Local school systems have identified 287 candidates to participate in the 2013-2014 Fee Incentive Program. With the elimination of the Take One initiative sponsored by the NBPTS, local school systems have submitted an additional seventy-one (71) candidates. Also, each candidate has submitted a notarized Memorandum of Understanding, which specifies the conditions of repayment, if candidates fail to complete the assessment process.

ACTION:

I request that the State Board of Education approve the additional seventy-one (71) candidates for full participation in the NBPTS 2013 assessment cycle.

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Attachment

ATTACHMENT 1

Anne Arundel County (10):

Linda Bilbo
Pamela Fowler
Kne-Shall Lanman
Brooke Walsh

Koren Donnor
Doreen Fischetti
Ashley Lawson

Katherine Dean
Krista Hankins
Anita Pusztay

Montgomery County (52):

Lori Backlund
Helene Berman
Patricia Bucknor
Jenan Dahmes
Matthew Duffy
Rita Gama
Judy Heir Hammond
Wendy Kaufman
Kelley Knox
Jennelle Moore
Amanda Quay
Christa Ricketts
Jesse Simpson
Amber Smith
Katherine Swanson
Leah Wilson
Jane Wright
Laleh Zadeh

Brian Baker
Joseph Boettcher
Donna Cohen
Addi Davis
Kristen Eccleston
Brian Gregory
Jocelyn Hill
Cynthia King
Elizabeth Kontos
Heather Myles
Carole Raymond
Wendy Saoutis
Alyssa Simmons
Susan Stevens
Rosario Velasquez
Geraldine Woodard
Jacqueline Yip

Beryl Bell
Margaret Broe
Clifford Cooper, Jr.
Karen Doerrler
Althea Felton
Amy Hall
Kathryn Kambies
Eric Kling
Jeanette Marin
Sophia Olonokakoko
Edward Reed
Casey Siddons
Jenifer Small
Caitlin Street
Marion Wardrick
Dorie Wray
Ruby Yip

Prince George's County (9):

Tamika Brown
Alma Estavillo
Itari Pearson

Alexis Cortez
Katria Kuzmowycz
Tiara Williams

Joy Cuadera
Adam Labay
Kelly Yutesler