

June 23, 2021

**RESOLUTION RE: NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION RECOGNITION
CLASS OF 2020 AND 2020 RENEWED NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFIED TEACHERS**

WHEREAS, the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, organized in 1987, is comprised of teachers, school policy makers, union leaders, teacher educators and other scholars and legislators whose goal is to maintain high and rigorous standards for accomplished teachers; and

WHEREAS, the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards has developed and operates a national voluntary system to assess and certify teachers who meet these standards, and to recognize teachers who demonstrate the highest levels of competency; and

WHEREAS, teachers who voluntarily submit to and successfully complete the rigorous multi-year National Board Certification process, earn the Illinois NBPTS Endorsement, a nationally recognized credential, symbolizing that the teacher has exceeded standard expectations; and

WHEREAS, National Board Certified Teachers have gone through a rigorous process to renew their credential after 10 years of service as a teacher, counselor, librarian, or administrator; and

WHEREAS, in partnership with the *Nurturing Teacher Leadership* program of the Chicago Teachers Union that has provided candidate support, NBC program management, mentoring, cohort facilitation, and professional development for CPS teachers, counselors, and librarians seeking National Board Certification; and

WHEREAS, a total of fifty-two Chicago Public Schools teachers, counselors, and librarians have earned this certificate in December of 2020; and a total of fifty-two National Board Certified Teachers have renewed this certificate in November of 2020, exemplifying the goals and standards that this Board of Education encourages all teachers, counselors, and librarians to emulate; and

WHEREAS, the 52 National Board Certified Teachers – Class of 2020 are:

Brittany Anderson	Sara Baar-Ledford	Carmella Berthia
Leigh Ann Bertucci	Allison Bizon	Mary Carger
Alicia Carlisle	Brandon Carr	Jaclyn Cassello
Rosanna Crow	Miranda DeYoung	Adrianna Delgado
Theresa Dorsey	Elizabeth Dyrst	Christine Edison
Peter Eilrich	Yuridia Espinosa	Jennifer Gerardi
Alicia Gomez	Lindsay Hayden	Melissa High
Brigid Jennings	Naseeb Khatoon	Cristina Maldonado
Rula Mansour	Jacqueline Mattmuller	Colleen McDonough
Patrycja Mietka	Lanissa Muhammed	Anginette Parsons
Leslie Perez	Marilyn Ray	Mirelle Rivera
Jennifer Rodriguez	Jaime Ropski	Jeremy Rowland
Melanie Ruiz	Casandra Russell	Ronald Sansone
Kelly Shereyk	Thomas Shriner	Paula Sontag
Anthony Suarez	Erin Szarnych	Sally Tabatsalis
Catherine Thornton-Stocks	Siobhan Toler	Maria Vazquez
Meghan Walsh	William Weaver	Lindsay Wesner
Victoria Winslow		

WHEREAS, the 52 National Board Certified Teachers who renewed their National Board Certification in 2020 are:

Laura Arrington-Rose	Katrina Barge	Sheila Barrett
Kerry Catlin	Tianna Davis-Lancaster	Kathryn Dorn
Katherine Ericson	Sarah Ferry	Tonya Fisher-Gary
Catherine Foley	Chandra Garcia-Kitch	Teresa Giannelli
Margaret Goethals	Sarah Gomez	Tiffany Gore
Rosalba Granados	Jeremy Green	Amy Hamilton
Aricka Harris	Glenn Jensen	Vyjayanti Joshi
Agnes Juarez	Mary Knuerr	Christina Korbakis
Katherine Kreinbring	Stephen Lawler	Susana Martinez
Elise McNeese	Scott Merrill	Karen Mickel
Jacob Mitchell	Erin Moloney	Laura Mulkoff
Elizabeth Needleman	Sarah Oster	Amy Powell
Sandra Robinson-Sanchez	Michael Ryan	Kathleen Schmidt
Jamie Schnall	Kathryn Schultz	Donna Seals
Moira Sheehy	Shannon Slade	Erin Stanfill
Michele Suffredin	Eileen Sugrue	Linda Sumita
Thomas Szymanski	Valerie Williams	Terina Woolridge
Kristin Yenior		

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the President and Members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 23rd day of June 2021, do commend these one hundred four teachers, counselors, and librarians for their commitment to high and rigorous teaching standards and for receiving or renewing National Board Certification. We also encourage the Chicago Teachers Union Quest Center to continue their efforts in recruiting and providing support for 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 fifty-two teachers, counselors, and librarians who have achieved National Board Certification in 2020, and to the fifty-two teachers, counselors, and librarians who have renewed their National Board Certification in 2020.