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News Release

Teaching Stipend Awards Teachers with National Board Certification

The Colorado Department of Education today announced it will again issue up to \$1,600 in teaching stipends to teachers who have earned certification through the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards.

Eligible teachers may work in school districts, charter schools or through Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES).

The stipends were created through House Bill 08-1384 during the 2007 legislative session. The legislation stated that National Board Certified Teachers “advance the quality of teaching and learning by maintaining high and rigorous standards for what accomplished teachers should know and be able to do.”

A second additional stipend is being awarded for teachers in schools that received low or unsatisfactory ratings on the 2007 school accountability report.

The deadline for teachers to apply to their school district is Wednesday, March 31. To qualify, eligible teachers must be employed to teach in a Colorado public school district in grades kindergarten through twelfth grade. If a teacher is less than full-time, the stipend will be pro-rated.

Individual districts will collect the applications, verify the information and submit the applications to CDE by Thursday, April 15. For educators in low or unsatisfactory schools, up to an additional \$3,200

stipend will be added. The money will be transferred to the districts and BOCES in April and to teachers after Friday, May 1, 2010.

To receive National Board Certification, teachers must demonstrate competency in national content and teaching ability. The certification process can take between one to three years to complete and includes both assessments and a portfolio submission. The certification application costs \$2,500. Scholarships are available to cover a portion of the fee.

Due to budget deficits, the stipends are being funded with a portion of Colorado's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds. Because Colorado had more successful new certified teachers than anticipated last year, each stipend will be slightly reduced to allow for all eligible candidates to receive a stipend.

Stipend applications can be found at
<http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeprof/NBCT.htm>

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