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NATIONAL STANDARDS BOARD ANNOUNCES 72 NEW WYOMING BOARD CERTIFIED TEACHERS

CHEYENNE - The Wyoming Department of Education, the John P. Ellbogen Foundation and the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards announced today that 72 teachers in Wyoming achieved National Board Certification this year. Over the past three years, Wyoming has had the second-fastest growth in the nation in its number of accomplished teachers, following Hawaii, and now has a total of 497 National Board Certified Teachers (NBCTs).

A list of the new board certified teachers is attached. For a list of all board certified teachers in Wyoming, [click here](#).

National Board Certification is available in 25 certificate areas from Pre-K–12th grades. National Board Standards are written for teachers, by teachers. To date, more than 106,000 teachers in all 50 states and around the world have achieved this highest mark of accomplishment in the profession through a rigorous, performance-based, peer-review process.

“Achieving National Board Certification is not only a great personal achievement, it is a strong statement about a teacher’s commitment to the profession and to students and their learning,” said Ronald Thorpe, president and CEO of the National Board. “Today, only a small fraction of America’s teachers are Board certified, but to improve the global competitiveness of our students, we must ensure that every novice teacher in is on a trajectory towards accomplished practice.”

Rich Crandall, director of the Wyoming Department of Education said of Wyoming’s newest NBCTs, “Their achievement is not only a testament to their hard work, determination and impact on their students’ learning, it is a reflection of the state’s strong commitment to

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supporting all teachers in their pursuit of National Board Certification.”

Wyoming state legislation provides Wyoming teachers who achieve National Board Certification with a \$4,000 stipend. In addition, the Ellbogen Foundation has launched a statewide initiative in support of boosting the number of NBCTs in Wyoming schools, in partnership with the Wyoming Department of Education, the State Standards Board, the University of Wyoming and the Wyoming Education Association. The Ellbogen Meritorious Schools Initiative supports and encourages schools to certify up to 20 percent of their staff and provides each school with a financial award when this goal is achieved.

“To truly transform the culture within schools, we need to get to a point where there is a critical mass of Board-certified teachers working together to elevate teaching and advance student learning,” said Foundation President and Chair Mary Ellbogen Garland. “And it is through the work of accomplished teachers in every community, in every school, that would create a ripple effect of quality student-based teaching to reach and positively impact every student in Wyoming.”

Mauro Diaz, a Board-certified science teacher at Dean Morgan Middle School in Casper, currently serving as a Teacher Ambassador Fellow by the U.S. Department of Education, said, “National Board Certification gave me the opportunity, confidence and influence to help shape my profession on a higher level. It opened doors and opportunities I would have never thought possible.”

After meeting U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan at the White House in 2011, Diaz organized the first Wyoming Summit on Education, bringing together 45 NBCTs from across the state. The group eventually published a 10-point plan to recruit, retain and develop effective teachers in Wyoming, which they later presented to stakeholders and policy makers.

Research has shown that NBCTs have a significant impact on student achievement and that their students outperform their peers in other classrooms. Most recently, a 2012 study by Harvard University’s Strategic Data Project found that students of NBCTs in the Los Angeles Unified School District made learning gains equivalent to an additional two months of instruction in math and one month in English Language Arts.

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First Name	Last Name	School District	City
Janice	Anderson	Johnson County School District #1	Buffalo
Cindy	Aune	Park County School District #6	Cody
Kathleen	Beehler	Weston County School District #1	Newcastle
Katherine	Bella	Uinta County School District #1	Evanston
Jennifer	Bjornson	Park County School District #6	Cody
Beth	Blatt	Park County School District #6	Cody
Sonja	Brue	Campbell County School District #1	Gillette
Jennifer	Brummell	Goshen County School District #1	Torrington
Sarah	Call	Park County School District #6	Cody
Marlys	Ciscar	Sweetwater County School District #2	Green River
Stephanie	Colling	Natrona County School District #1	Casper
Laura	Conwell	Sublette County School District #1	Pinedale
Elizabeth	David	Sublette County School District #1	Pinedale
Michelle	Davies	Sweetwater County School District #1	Rock Springs
Christopher	Dresang	Natrona County School District #1	Casper
Jacob	Evans	Johnson County School District #1	Buffalo
Donna	Faris	Sweetwater County School District #2	Green River
Rachel	Giesmann	Fremont County School District #1	Lander
Suzanne	Goostree	Laramie County School District #1	Cheyenne
Tara	Hall	Johnson County School District #1	Buffalo
Gayla	Hammer	Fremont County School District #1	Lander
Debra	Hart	Laramie County School District #1	Cheyenne
Brigitte	Hasse	Albany County School District #1	Laramie
Emily	Haught	Converse County School District #1	Douglas
Julie	Heil	Johnson County School District #1	Buffalo
Sarah	Herrera	Uinta County School District #1	Evanston
Virginia	Hildebrand	Sweetwater County School District #1	Farson
Wendy	Hultman	Teton County School District #1	Wilson
Staci	John	Goshen County School District #1	Torrington
Adam	Johnson	Albany County School District #1	Laramie
Paula	Johnson	Platte County School District #1	Wheatland
Kristi	Jones	Fremont County School District #21	Lander
Codi	Jorgensen	Fremont County School District #1	Lander
Susan	Keller	Goshen County School District #1	Torrington
Angela	Kemp	Albany County School District #1	Laramie
Jeremy	Laing	Park County School District #6	Cody
Kimberly	Lane-Martin	Lincoln County School District #1	Kemmerer
Kelsey	Lewis	Red Top Meadows	Wilson
Cori Ann	Lloyd	Sublette County School District #1	Pinedale
Karly	Majhanovich	Sublette County School District #1	Pinedale
Connie	Mann	Park County School District #6	Cody
Tolly	McFarland	Laramie County School District #1	Cheyenne

Ross	Mcgee	Albany County School District #1	Laramie
Patricia	Meier	Albany County School District #1	Laramie
Kori	Meredith	Campbell County School District #1	Gillette
Joseph	Meyer	Fremont County School Districe #1	Lander
Peggy	Miller	Park County School District #6	Cody
Sandy	Moon	Johnson County School District #1	Buffalo
Tricia	Muller	Fremont County School District #38	Lander
Carl	Myers	Natrona County School District #1	Casper
Darbi	Neff	Teton County School District #1	Victor
Jackie	O'briant	Natrona County School District #1	Casper
Penny	Orchard	Johnson County School District #1	Kaycee
Brook	Peterson	Laramie County School District #1	Cheyenne
Kelly	Phelan	Park County School District #6	Cody
Robert	Reece	Laramie County School District #1	Cheyenne
Luke	Robertson	Park County School District #1	Powell
Jennifer	Rogers	Teton County School District #1	Jackson
Lorrain	Rudd	Laramie County School District #1	Cheyenne
Carol	Salveson	Natrona County School District #1	Casper
Jenny	Schucker	Fremont County School District #1	Lander
Suzanne	Scott	Carbon County School District #1	Rawlins
Suzan	Skaar	Laramie County School District #1	Cheyenne
Sally	Slater	Laramie County School District #1	Cheyenne
Brian	Spicer	Sweetwater County School District #2	Green River
Sara	Stevens	Sheridan County School District #2	Sheridan
Heidi	Stoor	Lincoln County School District #2	Cokeville
Andrew	Taylor	Lincoln County School District #2	Afton
Liza	Thomson	Campbell County School District #1	Gillette
LeAnn	Uhling	Carbon County School District #2	Saratoga
Molly	Voris	Natrona County School District #1	Casper
Stephanie	Wodahl	Albany County School District #1	Laramie