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TO: Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: Lillian M. Lowery, Ed.D.

DATE: July 24, 2012

SUBJECT: Selection of Additional National Board Candidates for 2012-2013 Fee Incentive Program

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this action is to advance additional candidates to participate in the 2012-2013 Fee Incentive Program established for public school teachers seeking certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS).

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 3,600 teachers to participate in this rigorous assessment.

Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) established eligibility criteria that were consistent with the NBPTS. MSDE also collaborated with a representative from the Maryland State Teachers Association, the Office of the Attorney General, and Senators Pinsky and Van Hollen, co-sponsors of the original legislation, to identify selection procedures and guidelines that would be used by participating local school systems.

Staff advanced the names of 260 candidates at your June meeting; Baltimore City Public Schools and Baltimore County Public Schools have since submitted their candidates (28).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Baltimore City Public School System and Baltimore County Public School System have identified an additional twenty-eight (28) candidates to participate in the 2012-2013 Fee Incentive Program. Both school systems have submitted written verification that they followed the established procedures. Also, each candidate has submitted a notarized Memorandum of Understanding, which specifies the conditions of repayment, if the candidate fails to complete the assessment process.

ACTION:

I request that the State Board of Education approve the additional candidates for participation in the NBPTS 2012 assessment cycle.

Attachment

ATTACHMENT

BALTIMORE CITY (19)

Delamatre, Elise
Felix, Kathy
Harris, Margaret
Hlavka, Andrew
Lummel, Matthew
Russell, Jennifer
Vinijkul, Siriporn
DiVito, Nikole
Flaherty, Margaret
Heid, Gregory
Johnston, Nancy
Nunez, Alona
Sappe, Beth
English, Mashonah
Gavin, Nicole
Heid, Kate
Luster, Tonya
Oliver, Niema
Taylor, Tameka

BALTIMORE COUNTY (9)

Akers, Ruth
Banks, Keishauna
Farmer, Jennifer
Anderson, Crystal
Cybulski, Jessica
Hicks, Rebecca
Anderson, James
Doty, Matthew
Levitt, Dana