

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STAFF NOTE REVIEW ITEM

Topic: National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Early Entry Grant

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SUMMARY OF PRESENTATION:

The Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) is leading the way nationally by participating in a pilot program with the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS). This pilot program enables new educators to begin their journey to accomplished teaching as soon as their first year in the classroom. This opens the door for career advancement sooner, thus allowing candidates to see teaching as a sustainable career.

This innovative grant provides 78 early career educators, defined as educators with one to three 3 years teaching experience, with professional learning opportunities to guide and support them through the process of becoming National Board Certified Teachers (NBCTs). These learning experiences will include asynchronous opportunities to reflect, assess, and explore teaching practices, while engaging in community and coaching support from NBCTs in Kentucky.

Spencer County Middle School has four teachers in the pilot program and another four candidates working on initial certification. The school also has seven NBCTs on staff who work with the cohort as readers, support, and very valuable resources. The school has been extremely successful in their grow-your-own program, and several of the first-year teachers seeking national certification are former students.

Staff from Spencer County Middle School will join staff from the Office of Educator Licensure and Effectiveness to provide the Kentucky Board of Education with an overview of this exciting program.

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