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TO: Certified Teachers

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To the Superintendent

DATE: June 16, 2005

SUBJECT: National Board Certification

The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards is leading the way in making teaching a profession dedicated to student learning and to upholding high standards for professional performance. They have raised the standards for teachers, strengthened their educational preparation through the standards, and created performance-based assessments that demonstrate accomplished application of the standards.

In reading our strategic plan, The Louisiana Department of Education (LDE) recognizes that the East Baton Rouge Parish School System (EBRPSS) has identified National Board Certification as one of our vehicles to improve the teaching and learning process. As a result, the Louisiana Department of Education, will award 30 National Board Certification subsidies, upon completion of requirements and proper approvals. Preference will be given to teachers at high risk schools; since this is the focus our strategic plan.

We are on a short timeline. Informational meetings are scheduled for June 28 and June 30 beginning promptly at 4:00 p.m. These meetings will be held in the Camellia Room located in the Instructional Resource Center (IRC). During this time teachers will have an opportunity to ask questions regarding all aspects of the program.

Timeline of Events

June 28 and June 30, 2005	Information Session and distribution of applications
July 14, 2005	Applications and essays due by 4:30 p.m.
July 26 – July 28, 2005	Notification of scholarship awards
August 19 – August 20, 2005	Writing Course/Workshop

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