

The Support Network*

National Board for Professional Teaching Standards

* a collaboration of the Los Angeles Unified School District and United Teachers Los Angeles-Since 1997

Teacher Created Professional Development Gets Results

The Support Network provides a comprehensive program of professional practice support for pre-candidates, first-time and continuing candidates which includes:

- a curriculum created and presented by National Board Certified Teachers
- pre-candidacy/orientation-April, May and June of each year or by invitations from schools
- professional practice seminars for portfolio preparation-August to NBPTS's deadline-20 hours
- additional optional seminars-30 + hours: cross study group sessions, individual conferences, subject specific sessions
- assessment center exercise preparation-August to NBPTS's deadline-10+ hours
- NBPTS certified trained facilitators; a NBPTS faculty member for Candidate Support Provider training
- facilitated study groups in certificate areas-30 hours
- on line support
- a successful program for candidates retaking entries and Take One!; network for NBCTs renewing
- salary point credit available for completing the process
- continuing leadership opportunities for presenters and facilitators

Support Network candidates and

National Board Certified Teachers say:

"The professional development model that is used by TSN is the model that should be used for all staff development in all of our schools. There is no doubt in my mind that the support of my study group was the single most important factor in achieving my certification.

Mike Albert, NBCT

Attempting the NBCT portfolio is a daunting task, if anything. Not only must you showcase your best work and justify everything with sound rationales, you must adhere to a meticulous set of standards and directions in assembling your tasks.

The Support Network provides a collaborative environment where you can hash out details, get answers and confirmations and, best of all, improve your daily practice.

The Support Network is one of those rare things that works the way it should. Well worth the investment of time, money and effort for the serious NBCT candidate.

Lisa Alva, NBCT

"Joining The Support Network was one of my best decisions ever. The warm, supportive, you-can-do-it cheerleading we all got from Susie and the perceptive feedback I got from my group are two big reasons I achieved National Board Certification. I cannot say enough good things about The Support Network."

Cheryl Read, NBCT

Monetary Incentives

LAUSD/UTLA

- a 15% increase in compensation for classroom teachers (7.5% salary and 7.5% for an additional 92 hours of work each year). NBCTs "working with students on a daily basis in a classroom setting."

State of California (dependent on CA's yearly budget-not included for Class of 2009; could be revive as NBPTS certificate is for ten years)

- one cycle of \$5,000 per year for four years for NBCTs who teach at or transfer to school with an API ranking of 5 or below.

Susie Chow, NBCT

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