

SUPPORT FOR NATIONAL BOARD CANDIDATES

Now available from the Albuquerque Teachers Federation

Candidates in the ATF NBPTS Support Program will receive the following services and programs.

- ✓ Pre-Candidate Class **Saturday, August 22, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.**, at La Cueva High School to learn the basics of the National Board process and begin work on Entry 4. Teachers in ATF's Candidate Support Program **MUST** make every effort to attend this class. Note: Pre-registration for this class is **REQUIRED**. Please email Pat Graff at PGraff@aol.com to get a form to register. Cost is \$25, which will be applied to the ATF NBCT Support Group fee.
- ✓ Regular Large Group meetings with all candidates and mentors, on the third Wednesday of each month, with vital information on forms, deadlines, scoring, videos and student work entries. The first meeting is **September 16, 4:30-6:00 pm.**
- ✓ Regular Small Group meetings with an assigned National Board Certified Teacher. These meetings, twice monthly, provide individual support to create the four portfolio entries.
- ✓ Assessment Camp training, in mid-April, to prepare for the NBPTS testing.

COST: ATF MEMBERS – \$425 NON MEMBERS – \$550
(All inclusive for all programs listed above)

Teachers may pay by cash, check or school purchase order.
(Title II monies may be used for candidate support!)

Payment is due by **September 16, 2009**, unless prior arrangements have been made.
Assignments to small group Candidate Support Providers will NOT be made until payment is received.

NOTE: Except for the Pre-Candidate Class and small group meetings, all classes will be taught at the ATF office, 530 Jefferson NE.

Interested in National Boards, but don't know if you're ready to take the full plunge?

Then, plan on attending the Pre-Candidate Class on **Saturday, August 22, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at La Cueva High School.** There is a \$25 fee, and pre-registration is required. Please contact Pat Graff at PGraff@aol.com to receive a form to register for the Pre-Candidate class. No walk-ins, as space may not be available.

For further questions, please contact the ATF NBCT Programs Co-coordinators:
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National Board Certification, developed by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, is one of two ways to pre-qualify for Level 3 in New Mexico's 3-Tiered licensure program. NBCTs also receive a stipend annually for having the certification. In 2008-2009, it was \$5,800+. Amounts change as the funding formula unit value changes.

