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Attention: Payroll Administrator

Enclosed is a list of the educators who have submitted the Verification of Eligibility for Master Certificate Stipend form 77-23.

The Illinois State Board of Education has vouchered funds to pay the following National Board Certified Teachers (NBCTs) in your district who are eligible to receive payments as they are defined by the *Illinois Teaching Excellence Program*, Section 5/21-27 of the Illinois School Code and Section 25.444 of the 23 Illinois Administrative Code. All services must be completed during the 2010-2011 academic year. The payments are as follows:

Type of Master Certificate Incentive	\$'s	Required Service
Annual Stipend	\$739.37	Must hold an Illinois Master Certificate and the corresponding certificate issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, is employed by a school district as a full-time teacher or school counselor and provides instruction to students in Pre-K-12.

Please see the enclosed verification that includes the issue date, name and payment amount for each of the eligible NBCTs.

The legislation requires the Illinois State Board of Education to distribute funds to the districts that are then responsible for distributing the payments to each eligible NBCT. **All payments are subject to federal and state taxes and must be reported to the Teacher Retirement Service (TRS).** For additional information about National Board Certification and eligibility for payments under the legislation, please visit the ISBE website at <http://www.isbe.net/profprep/nbpts.htm>.

Your educators hold a place of honor in the State as only **4692** Illinois teachers and school counselors are currently eligible for this distinction. We congratulate you on having district educators who have earned this recognition and appreciate your cooperation in ensuring that your educators receive these payments in accordance with the provisions of the law.

Should you have any questions regarding this notification or distribution of the funds, please contact Angela McDermott at amcdermo@isbe.net.

Enclosure