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Governor Musgrove Applauds Teachers on National Board Certification

(Jackson, MS) – A total of 321 Mississippi teachers earned their national board certification, according to the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS). The state ranked 7th in the nation in the number of new teachers, and remains ranked at 6th in the nation with overall number of board-certified teachers.

“This is another indication that Mississippi is a national leader in education,” said Musgrove. “These teachers have worked hard to reach the next level in their profession, and I’m proud of the effort they’ve made to achieve this goal.”

According to the NBPTS, the year-long process to national board certification requires teachers to “document their deep knowledge of the subject matter they teach, provide evidence that they know how to teach their subjects to students effectively, and demonstrate their ability to manage and measure student learning.”

Overall, a total of 1,459 teachers across the state are nationally board certified. Mississippi was the first state in the nation to offer additional pay for teachers who earned this certification.

“We must respond to the commitment these teachers have made with our own commitment to give them the tools they need in the classrooms,” Musgrove said. “We’ve prepared a budget that puts schools first, and that’s good for Mississippi.”

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