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FIFTY-ONE TEACHERS BEING HONORED FOR
ACHIEVING NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION

WHO: Senator Paul G. Pinsky, District 22
Verjeana M. Jacobs, Esq., Chair, Prince George’s County
Board of Education
Dr. Bonita Coleman-Potter, Deputy Superintendent of Schools
Dr. A. Duane Arborgast, Chief Academic Officer, PGCPS
Donald Briscoe, PGCEA President
Dr. Walter Jordan-Davis, National Board for Professional Teaching
Standards
PGCPS National Board Certified Teachers and their principals

WHAT: Third Annual National Board Certified Teachers Pinning Ceremony

WHEN: Wednesday, March 3, 2010 • 6 p.m.

WHERE: Charles Herbert Flowers High School • Auditorium
10001 Ardwick-Ardmore Road, Springdale

BACKGROUND:

Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS) will honor 51 teachers for achieving National Board Certification this past year – the most prestigious credential a teacher can earn.

The PGCPS Department of Teacher Leadership and Professional Development provided ongoing support to the teachers during a rigorous process that can take up to three years to complete. During the official “pinning” of the new National Board Certified teachers, the following guests will share remarks: Senator Paul Pinsky, District 22; Verjeana Jacobs, Chair, Prince George’s County Board of Education; Dr. Bonita Coleman-Potter, Deputy Superintendent of Schools; Donald Briscoe, PGCEA President; Dr. A. Duane Arborgast, Chief Academic Officer, PGCPS; and Dr. Walter Jordan-Davis, Regional Director, National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. This year’s ceremony will also include the musical talents of students from the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Dixieland Combo.

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National Board Certification helps school districts build instructional staff that is highly effective in the classroom. These teachers can impact student achievement, not only in their individual classrooms, but also by training and motivating their peers to pursue National Board Certification.

With a total of 170, PGCPS currently has the third highest number of National Board Certified teachers (NBCTs) in Maryland and employs 35-percent of the African American NBCTs for the entire state. Through another statewide recognition, 2008 NBCT William Thomas went on to be named the 2009 Maryland Teacher of the Year.

For 2009, PGCPS was ranked nineteenth for the highest number of NBCTs to certify in the United States, and ranked fourth for the largest number of minority candidates. Additionally, PGCPS has one of the highest retention rates for teachers participating in the National Board Certification program, with less than 20-percent of its candidates withdrawing.

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