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MEDIA ADVISORY

MTEA Celebrates National Board Certified Teachers with a "Recognition Event"

- When:** Monday, November 7, 2011
4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
MTEA Office, 5130 W. Vliet St.
- What:** A special reception to honor MPS teachers who have undergone a rigorous process to become nationally board certified.
- Who:** MTEA leaders will be joined by MPS Superintendent Dr. Gregory Thornton, Dr. Heidi Ramirez and WEAC President Mary Bell to honor the MPS National Board Certified Teachers.

Nearly 50 teachers in MPS have completed the demanding and rigorous process to become National Board Certified Teachers. Educators in MPS who earned the certification chose to do so for a variety of reasons, including improving student learning, professional growth, and opportunities for teacher leadership.

"We think it's incredibly important to recognize these highly qualified teachers who have, with their own funds and on their own time, worked very hard to earn National Board Certification," says MTEA President Bob Peterson. "It reflects a deep commitment to the profession and a level of expertise that we want to honor. These are the types of teachers the district should look to for leadership as we work to improve our schools."

Peterson says that the National Board Certification process helps teachers become leaders in the kind of education reform our students need.

"We are coming together to not only honor these teachers and their significant accomplishments," says Peterson, "but to show them that their union supports them and will join with them in encouraging our members to apply for National Board Certification."

Photo Op: Drs. Thornton and Ramirez and WEAC President Mary Bell will join dozens of teachers at the reception.

The Milwaukee Teachers' Education Association is a labor union that represents nearly 8,000 teachers and education professionals working in Milwaukee Public Schools.

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