



Oak Park Elementary School District 97

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FROM: Dr. Carrie Kamm, Senior Director of Equity

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RE: District 97/National Board Certification Cohort Fees SY21

District 97 has recruited 24 teachers to participate in the 2019-2020 National Board Certification professional development program. These 24 teachers will join our 35 teachers who are currently in their first year of candidacy. This program is in partnership with the National Board Research Center (NBRC) at Illinois State University. Our teachers will be organized into cohorts that will be supported by a district administrator, a teacher liaison, and a cohort facilitator assigned by the Illinois National Board Resource Center (IL NBRC). Dr. Carrie Kamm will serve as the district administrator and one member from each cohort will serve as our teacher liaison to support communication between the cohort and the district.

During the 2020-2021 school year, each cohort will focus on completing two National Board Certification components for their appropriate certificate area: Differentiation in Instruction and Effective and Reflective Practitioner. There will be five district cohorts organized by certificate area.

The 2020-2021 cohort fees are \$33,825. The fee for each cohort (5 total) is \$6,765. This fee pays for the 12 professional development sessions provided by the IL NBRC, as well as the National Board facilitator that is provided by the IL NBRC. We are looking forward to supporting our teachers through this high-quality professional development endeavor and are appreciative that the Board of Education continues to support this effort.

Sincerely,

Dr. Carrie Kamm