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TO: Members, Board of Education

Dr. Carol Kelley

FROM: Dr. Carrie Kamm, Senior Director of Equity

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RE: National Board Certification District Cohort Update

Since September 2016, District 97 has supported a cohort of teachers pursuing National Board Certification via a partnership with the National Board Research Center at Illinois State University. The cohort began with 41 participants. Four participants dropped out of the process, 6 participants achieved, and 31 participants are still in process.

District 97 wished to continue supporting our teachers through this professional development process. We wish to recruit another cohort of teachers to start in the 2018-2019 school year. We will need at least 10 teachers in order to run a district-supported cohort through the Illinois National Board Resource Center. Recruitment efforts will occur in late February/early March and we will need to submit teacher agreement forms and 50% of our payment (\$850 per participant; 10% of our per pupil instructional spending) by March 26, 2018. As a reference, the district paid \$30,040 to support this current cohort. The financial impact to the district will be determined once we have established the number of staff who will commit to the process.