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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Utah State Board of Education

FROM: Angie Stallings, Deputy Superintendent
Policy and Communication

DATE: November 3-4, 2016

ACTION: R277-521 *National Board Certification Reimbursements (New)*

Background:

2016 General Session H.B. 331 Education Provisions requires the Board to make rules specifying procedures and timelines for reimbursing an eligible educator for the cost to attain or renew a National Board certification.

Board Strategic Plan:

This item supports the following imperative and strategies in the Board's Strategic Plan:
Oversight - Monitor, review, and provide general supervision to all public education institutions and other entities for which the State Board has responsibility.

Anticipated Action:

It is proposed that the Law and Licensing Committee consider approving R277-521 on first reading and, if approved by the Committee, the Board consider approving R277-521 on second reading.

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1 **R277. Education, Administration.**

2 **R277-521. National Board Certification Reimbursement.**

3 **R277-521-1. Authority and Purpose.**

4 (1) This rule is authorized by:

5 (a) Utah Constitution Article X, Section 3, which vests general control and
6 supervision over public education in the Board;

7 (b) Section 53A-1-401, which allows the Board to make rules to execute the
8 Board's duties and responsibilities under the Utah Constitution and state law; and

9 (c) Section 53A-6-114, which requires the Board to make rules to specify
10 procedures and timelines for reimbursing educators for the cost to attain or renew
11 a National Board certification.

12 (2) The purpose of this rule is to specify procedures and timelines for
13 reimbursing educators for the cost to attain or renew a National Board certification.

14 **R277-521-2. Definitions.**

15 (1) "Eligible educator" means an educator who holds a current National Board
16 certification attained or renewed:

17 (a) after July 1, 2016; and

18 (b) while employed as an educator by an LEA in Utah.

19 (2) "Local education agency" or "LEA" means:

20 (i) a school district;

21 (ii) a charter school; or

22 (iii) the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.

23 (3) "National Board certification" means the same as that term is defined in
24 Section 53A-6-103.

25 **R277-521-3. Application Procedures.**

26 (1) The Superintendent shall establish and maintain an online application
27 system for National Board certification reimbursements.

28 (2) To receive reimbursement for the costs an eligible educator paid to attain
29 or renew a National Board certification, an eligible educator shall submit an
30 application through the application system established under Subsection (1).

31 (3)(a) For fiscal year 2017, the Superintendent shall publicize the date on
32 which applications may be submitted.

33 (b) For fiscal year 2018 and each succeeding fiscal year, the application
34 window is July 1 to June 30.

35 (4) (a) Subject to legislative appropriations, the Superintendent shall
36 reimburse eligible educators on a first come, first served basis until funds
37 appropriated for National Board certification reimbursements are exhausted for that
38 fiscal year.

39 (b) The amount appropriated for National Board certification reimbursements
40 is \$88,300.

41 (c) If funds are insufficient to reimburse all eligible educators who apply in any
42 given fiscal year, subject to legislative appropriations, the Superintendent shall
43 reimburse eligible educators who did not receive reimbursement the previous fiscal
44 year on a first come, first served basis.

45 (d) The Superintendent may only reimburse an eligible educator for costs the
46 eligible educator paid to attain or renew a National Board certification.

47 **KEY: eligible educator, National Board certification**

48 **Date of Enactment of Last Substantive Amendment: 2017**

49 **Authorizing, and Implemented or Interpreted Law: Art X Sec 3; 53A-1-401; 53A-**
50 **6-114**