

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



JIM HORNE
Commissioner of Education



October 29, 2003

MEMORANDUM

TO: District School Superintendents
Dale Hickam Excellent Teaching Program Contacts

FROM: Ava Byrne

SUBJECT: **Candidate Subsidy Program/Retake Funds**

The Federal Government and the Washington Mutual Foundation, through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) **Candidate Subsidy Program**, have made funds available to the State of Florida to subsidize retake exercises for National Board candidates who were unsuccessful in their attempt for National Board Certification. The Federal Government has awarded **\$270,000** and the Washington Mutual Foundation, **\$25,000**. The funds will be used to subsidize at least one retake exercise for **first-time 2002-2003 retake candidates**. The cost of each retake exercise is **\$300**. Recipients of retake subsidies will be determined by lottery drawing. The requirements for participation, guidelines, and timelines for the retake subsidy are explained in this memorandum.

In mid-November 2003, all **2002-2003** NBPTS applicants will receive score report profiles from the NBPTS indicating the results of certification assessments. Successful achievement of National Board Certification is indicated by attaining a **2.75** total score for portfolio and written assessments. **Each 2002-2003 candidate achieving a score less than 2.75 will be an eligible subsidy candidate and will be notified by the Dale Hickam Excellent Teaching Program of the retake opportunity by the attached 2002-2003 Retake Subsidy Application.**

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The completed DOE **2002-2003 Retake Subsidy Application** along with the **NBPTS on-line Retake Application** must be submitted to the Department for entry in the lottery. If more than one retake exercise is requested, the applicant must attach an individual personal check or money order for **each exercise**. The check(s) or money order(s) should be made payable to the **NBPTS**.

Recipients of retake subsidies will be determined by lottery from the retake applications received in **Tallahassee on or before January 7, 2004**. The lottery drawing will be held on **January 9, 2003**.

Only first-time 2002-2003 applicants are eligible to apply. Candidates who previously participated in the retake lottery are **ineligible**. Candidates from previous years who **chose not to participate during the year in which they initially applied, are ineligible**.

Candidates should send the NBPTS On-line Retake Application and the Department of Education Retake Subsidy Application to the address below:

**Florida Department of Education
c/o Beatrice H. Monroe
325 West Gaines Street, Room 126
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400**

Attached for your information, is a copy of the **2002-2003 Retake Subsidy Application**.

AGB/bhm

Attachments