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Governor James E. McGreevey and Commissioner of Education William L. Librera, in collaboration with the Business Coalition for Education Excellence (BCEE) and the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS), will announce Thursday a package of incentives and support for teachers seeking National Board Certification.

National Board Certification is a key ingredient in Governor McGreevey's 21-point education reform plan, found online at: <http://www.state.nj.us/njded/genfo/21point.htm>. Specifically, the plan states: *Develop a strategy to increase the number of New Jersey Teachers who are National Board Certified, and to support teachers who seek that certification.*

Governor McGreevey is scheduled to announce the incentives during a 10:30 a.m. press conference in the Governor's Outer Office at the Statehouse. Commissioner Librera will provide closing remarks. Reporters and photographers are encouraged to attend.

Later in the day Thursday, Commissioner Librera will attend and speak at an event hosted by the BCEE and State Farm Insurance to celebrate National Board Certification teachers at State Farm Insurance, 300 Kimble Drive, Parsippany at 3:30 p.m. Four newly-National Board certified teachers will be recognized, as well as seven from past years.

National Board Certification is an excellent example of enabling teachers to participate in a professional development experience that enhances their subject matter knowledge and improves their methods and techniques. This benefits students by allowing them to receive the best education possible. It is also one of four options of the federal No Child Left Behind Act for teachers to attain the Highly Qualified accreditation.