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LINDALE HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER EARNS NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION

PRESS RELEASE

Lindale High School Speech and Debate Teacher, JP Fugler, has been recognized for his completion of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards program. The National Board Certification is the most respected professional certification available in education and provides numerous benefits to teachers, students, and schools.

"Becoming a National Board Certified teacher is a milestone in my career as an educator," said Fugler. "The process is rigorous and by no means a guarantee. I learned about my weaknesses in the classroom and where I could grow. The reflective practice this process required challenged me like nothing else."

The National Board Certification was designed to develop, retain and recognize accomplished teachers and to generate ongoing improvement in schools nationwide. Under the guidance and mentorship of Board-certified colleagues, candidates for Board certification submit evidence that their practice meets the Five Core Propositions and National Board Standards, a body of knowledge that is maintained by teachers. Practicing teachers, through a peer-review

process, then assess their submissions. Board certification, as in all other professions, is a hard-earned distinction practitioners bestow on each other.

"It is the single greatest professional development of my career," said Fugler. "This achievement is about becoming a better educator for my students because they deserve it."

Eligible National Board Certified teachers will earn a Recognized designation on their Texas educator certificate.

"We are very proud of Mr. Fugler," said Superintendent Stan Surratt. "This National Board Certification is a very rigorous and time consuming process. It is like getting another master's degree."

With this endorsement, Mr. Fugler will receive extra compensation through Teacher Incentive Allotment funds from the state.

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