

## Professional Development

### Applicants Sought for National Board Certification for Principals Field Test

As part of the development of National Board Certification for Principals, the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards is conducting a nationwide field test of program components over an 18-month period. A representative sample of Illinois principals will be part of this field test.

Principals that participate will have the opportunity to earn the first National Board Principal Certification while benefiting from learning and reflection that research suggests can lead to improved practice throughout their school.

Any current Illinois principal with a minimum of three years experience as a principal is eligible to participate. Interested principals should visit <http://www.nbptsprincipals.org/> and click on "Register to Participate." A Frequently Asked Questions page can be accessed at this site. After providing basic contact information, the interested principal will receive an application form and more detailed information about the program.

Selection of pilot participants will be done by the Southern Regional Education Board and NBPTS. Registration to participate does not guarantee selection in the pilot. After indicating an interest to participate, contact Kathy O'Neill at [kathy.oneill@sreb.org](mailto:kathy.oneill@sreb.org) or Ashley Layne at [ashley.layne@sreb.org](mailto:ashley.layne@sreb.org) if you have additional questions.