November 4, 2011

MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents
   Chief School Financial Officers

FROM: Warren Craig Youngey
       Deputy State Superintendent
       Administrative and Financial Services

RE: National Board Certified Teachers

The 2011-2012 Annual Appropriations Act contained numerous changes to provide flexibility to local boards of education. One of the changes made in the language in the line item appropriations specifically states that the appropriation for National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBCT) includes funds to pay salary supplements and related benefit costs for NBCT and other costs of the program. (See pages 21-22 of Act No. 2011-655).

Local boards of education have the flexibility to use the per-teacher amount of the $3500 NBCT appropriation for the employer share of fringe benefits, the supplement amount and required employee deductions, if they so choose. Ultimately the decision to use local funds to supplement what the state is providing needs to be approved by the local board of education.

If you have questions regarding this matter contact Mr. Dennis Heard at (334) 242-9747, e-mail address dheard@alsde.edu, or Mrs. Sonja Peaspanen at 334-353-9886, e-mail address speaspanen@alsde.edu.

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