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### **Surry County School System Teachers Renew National Board Certification: Renewal Process Reinforces High Standards, Commitment to Excellent Teaching**

**Dobson, NC** — William Hart, social studies teacher at East Surry High, and Billy Pell, 5th grade teacher at Westfield Elementary are among the thousands of teachers across the United States to renew their certification as a National Board Certified Teacher (NBCT).

The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards is excited to celebrate these teachers along with the more than 20,000 teachers currently pursuing Board certification – seen as the profession’s mark of accomplished teaching.

Surry County Schools is proud of Mr. Hart, Mr. Pell, and all of our 78 NBCTs. National Board certification requires a great deal of reflection on teaching practice, and National Board certification makes a positive difference in the classroom.

“The pandemic truly tested the mettle of anybody working in a school setting -- including teachers and their students. Those teachers who renewed their Board certification this year voluntarily chose to challenge themselves, reflect on their practice and confirm that they are teaching to the highest standards. There should be high standards for all professionals -- and these professional educators have proven that they teach to those high standards during a year that was uniquely difficult. Today’s announcement is a reason to celebrate,” said Peggy Brookins, NBCT, President and CEO of The National Board.

The National Board is working to set the expectation that all teachers in every classroom should demonstrate accomplished teaching via National Board certification and become leaders in their schools and communities. Every child should have the opportunity to learn from an accomplished teacher.

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***About the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards ([www.nbpts.org](http://www.nbpts.org)):***

*The founding mission of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards is to advance the quality of teaching and learning by: (1) maintaining high and rigorous standards for what accomplished teachers should know and be able to do; (2) providing a national voluntary system certifying teachers who meet these standards; and (3) advocating related education reforms to integrate National Board Certification in American education and to capitalize on the expertise of National Board Certified Teachers. Recognized nationwide, the National Board believes higher standards for teachers mean better learning for students.*