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Attachments: Copy of Copy of FY 2014 NBC.xlsx

When we last met, you asked that the EOC staff review SCDE's request for an additional \$3.0 million for National Board certification. Dr. Zais in his budget letter to the Governor stated that the EOC had "underestimated the requirement" for National Board.

Our staff has reviewed multiple sources, data from CERRA, data from SCDE, etc., and has determined the following that are shown on the attached spreadsheet:

1. There are 177 potential individuals who may become National Board certified this fall at the at the supplement amount of \$5,000 plus fringe benefits. If all 177 are National Board certified, the current appropriation of \$54.0 million would at most be (\$10,844) short. However, not all of the 177 individuals are likely to become certified, to be employed in public schools and to teach full-time. And, when we compared last year's expenditures to obligations, there may even be a balance in the account at the end of the current fiscal year of \$828,000 or so. Consequently, the EOC's \$54.0 million recommendation for National Board for FY2013-14 is justified.
2. The attached also shows that annually the number of National Board teachers is declining from 6,643 in 2011-12 to 6,323 in 2013-14. This trend will continue.
3. For Fiscal Year 2014-15, the EOC will recommend no increase or decrease in National Board appropriations. But, in Fiscal Year 2015-16, the appropriation should be reduced. Why? 2014-15 is the last year in which National Board applicants who applied prior to July 1, 2010 and who are in the retake pool are eligible to be National Board certified and receive the \$7,500 supplement plus fringe benefits. Beginning in 2015-16, teachers earning the \$7,500 supplement will continue to come off the rolls while a smaller number of teachers earning the \$5,000 supplement will come on the rolls.

I hope this helps! Call or email with more questions.

Sincerely,

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