

## **Subject: Applications for Pre-payment to NBPTS**

> Good morning. You are probably aware that the law regarding  
prepayment of  
> fees to NBPTS and eligibility for the 10% of state base salary  
supplement  
> has changed. Teachers in schools that are and have been on the  
Department  
> of Education's "Needs Improvement" list for two or more consecutive  
years  
at  
> the time of application, are eligible to apply for prepayment of fees  
if  
> they have completed a PSC-approved course, The Knowledgeable Teacher  
between  
> September 1, 2003 and September 30, 2005.  
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> Those who achieve NBCT will be eligible for the 10% of state base  
salary  
> supplement, even if the eligible school (that they were working in at  
the  
> time of application) comes off the list prior to the time of their  
> achievement.  
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> We are currently taking applications for prepayment of fees to NBPTS  
in  
the  
> amount of \$2000 from eligible educators at [www.gapsc.com](http://www.gapsc.com) (click on NB  
icon).  
> The site will be opened until September 30, 2005.  
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> As a current PSC-approved Facilitator for NB, please share this  
information  
> with principals and teachers in appropriate schools in your school  
system.  
> Teachers interested in taking The Knowledgeable Teacher may contact  
GAE  
> (<mailto:sally.bennett@gae.org>) or PAGE (<mailto:dray@pageinc.org>) for  
information about  
the  
> continuous enrollment opportunities for the online course offered by  
each  
> organization.  
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> We will appreciate your assistance in making this opportunity known  
to  
> eligible educators in your school system.  
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