

NATIONAL BOARD

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Subject: Follow-up from the National Board

We have heard the concerns many of you have shared about our failure to communicate the answers you need. Your National Board journey should not add to the anxieties of this challenging time, especially as you serve your students.

We are sorry, and we will do better.

Our whole team has been working to ensure you receive fair and flexible options as you move through your National Board journey. It is taking us longer than we would like to provide that information to you, but I want you to know that we are working through different scenarios to provide you with answers.

With the goal of providing you the information you need, we will share new specifics on Monday, April 6. Today, we want to clarify our commitments:

- Your deadline for ePortfolio submission has been automatically extended to June 12, 2020. You may submit material for scoring if you are able to and choose to. The ePortfolio submission window opened today.
- If you are unable to complete your Renewal submission by June 12, 2020 for any reason, personal or professional, you will have options to complete them during the next school year for a 10-year extension of your certificate from its current expiration. Furthermore, your current certificate's expiration will be extended to ensure you remain a National Board Certified Teacher while awaiting your Renewal results.
- If you choose to submit your Renewal material next school year, you will incur no additional Renewal fees.
- We are committed to providing appropriate modifications to submission requirements. Details will be coming soon.
- We are planning a straightforward process for you to notify the National Board if you will submit your material next school year. You will receive instructions on April 6.
- We will support you in communicating with third parties that are supporting your Renewal, such as those organizations providing fee support to you. You will receive additional information in the coming weeks.

The situation is evolving rapidly. We are committed to sharing definitive information and resources -- by email and on our dedicated [COVID-19 page](#). Please rely on official National Board communications for verified information. We've seen some inaccurate statements on social media. We are also offering a [webinar on April 2](#) to discuss these updates.

For more than 30 years, the National Board's Five Core Propositions and Standards have served as a beacon for teachers. Through the years, we have also been a trusted partner to educators in every state. This crisis is presenting unique challenges for educators, but it does not change the National Board's approach: we remain by teachers, for teachers and **with** teachers.

We sincerely apologize that this core sentiment did not come through in our earlier communication.

Warmly,

Peggy Brookins, NBCT and the whole National Board team