



Highlands Elementary School 4<sup>th</sup>-grade teacher Andrea Johnson is one of this year's 12 Renton teachers to earn National Board Certification.

## Renton teachers achieve National Board Certification

January 4, 2010—A dozen Renton teachers recently met the rigorous requirements to achieve National Teachers Board certification, joining the 30 district teachers already certified.

The painstaking process can take hundreds of hours of work for each teacher, thinking, reviewing and writing about the way he or she teaches, submitting hundreds of pages of material about teaching methods and approach, videotaping classroom lessons and a three-hour exam about teaching.

Renton teachers meeting the high standards clearly demonstrated their knowledge and application of curriculum and proven teaching techniques. Their portfolios exhibited genuine connections to individual

### Teachers completing the process:

*Are committed to students and learning;*

*Know their subjects and are expert in teaching those subjects to students;*

*Think systematically and learn from experience; and,*

*Offer support to new and struggling teachers and assume leadership roles in schools.*

student needs, to instruction and assessment.

Washington ranked second in the nation this year for the number of its teachers that received certification. North Carolina was first.

Washington now has 1,248 board-certified teachers and ranks fifth nationally in the total number of its teachers that are certified under the program, which is run by the private, nonprofit National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. Nationally, more than 82,000 teachers are board certified.

Renton Schools supports teachers who choose to enter the process with classroom coverage if needed and partial funding and other assistance. The state also supports some of the cost of getting certified. In 2007, the state legislature approved \$5,000 stipends for educators who complete the certification process.

The teachers will be honored at an upcoming School Board meeting.

### **Renton School District 2009 National Board Certified Teachers:**



Ellen Barrett – English as a Second Language Teacher, Highlands Elementary School



Renee Barut –7<sup>th</sup>-grade Social Studies Teacher, Nelsen Middle School



Robert Conway–English as a Second Language Teacher, Renton High School



Deborah Crabtree–2<sup>nd</sup>-grade Teacher, Highlands Elementary School



Andrea Johnson–4<sup>th</sup>-grade Teacher, Highlands Elementary School



Malinda Krisel–2<sup>nd</sup>-grade Teacher, Highlands Elementary School



Doug LeClair–Reading Teacher, Dimmitt Middle School



Jennifer Meyer–Social Studies Teacher, Renton High School



Athena Nadeau—Language  
Arts Teacher, Renton High  
School



Kelly Rudie—Instructional  
Coach, Lakeridge  
Elementary School



Stacey Snyder—  
Mathematics Teacher,  
Renton High School



Margaret Strong—1<sup>st</sup>-grade  
Teacher, Hazelwood  
Elementary School