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## **Pattonville teachers earn nation's highest credential in teaching - National Certification**

Two teachers from the Pattonville School District are among a select group of educators nationwide who earned the highest professional credential in the field of teaching this year - National Board Certification. The certification is awarded by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS).

Debra McCormack, who teaches preschool at Willow Brook Elementary, and Susan Saputo, a family and consumer sciences teacher at Pattonville High School, recently learned they had earned this national recognition.

Pattonville now has 11 teachers who have earned this distinction. National Board Certification is a growing trend as schools are looking for ways to improve teaching and learning. Many districts, including Pattonville, provide incentives and workshops to assist teachers desiring to earn this distinction. The process involves a rigorous performance-based assessment and takes about a year to attain.

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