

## **Memo**

To: Michael Marks  
From: Kelly Riley, Policy Liaison  
Date: May 23, 2002  
Subject: National Board Certification: FY 03 Funding

The Legislature appropriated \$13,993,212 in FY 02 to the State Department of Education to support National Board Certification. The Legislature has appropriated \$14,339,236, an increase of \$346,024, for FY 03. This will fund all teachers currently in the program, as well as projected new ones for the FY 03 year.

The World Class Teacher Program is funded at the FY 02 level, which was \$441,000. Mississippi has 6 World Class Teacher Program sites, with an Administrator and 4 mentors at each site. 5 of the 6 sites are funded through the Department of Education's budget. The 6<sup>th</sup> site is funded by private entities in the Delta. The program provides mentoring for teachers pursuing National Board certification and it also provides professional development in areas such as standards and assessment to National Board pre-candidates.

Please contact me if you require any additional information. Thanks!