Three Receive National Teaching Recognition

Three teachers from the Manhasset School District have received National Board Certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

As NBC teachers, Diana DiPaolo-Caputi, Loretta Schuellein-McGovern, and Elizabeth Watts have received the most respected professional certification available in K-12 education. According to the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, this represents a consensus among educators about what accomplished teachers should know and be able to do.

DiPaolo-Caputi has taught English at the secondary school since 2008, while Schuellein-McGovern has taught English there since 1999. Watts has been a faculty member at Shelter Rock Elementary School since 2004.

The NBC process is rigorous, requiring candidates to present standards-based evidence of the positive effect they have on student learning in alignment with the Five Core Propositions. This entails exhibiting a deep understanding of their students, content knowledge, use of data and assessments, and teaching practice. Candidates must also demonstrate how they participate in learning communities and provide evidence of ongoing reflection and continuous learning.

“This is truly an impressive accomplishment that represents the gold standard in teaching,” said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Vincent Butera. “We have so many excellent and deeply committed teachers and staff in our district, so it's tough to single out a few. On behalf of the Board of Education and the administration, I thank Diana, Loretta and Elizabeth for their dedication to their students and the profession to which we are all so deeply committed.”

The founding mission of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards is to advance the quality of teaching and learning by maintaining high and rigorous standards for teachers. It also maintains a national voluntary system that certifies teachers who meet these standards. The Board advocates for related education reforms to integrate its certification into American education and capitalize on the expertise of its certified teachers.