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Two Kimberly Teachers Earn National Board Certification

They Join 11 other KASD teachers in exemplifying the District's motto of "Our Learning For Theirs"

Kimberly, Wis. – December 11, 2018 – The [Kimberly Area School District](http://www.kimberly.k12.wi.us) is pleased to share that two teachers, Megan Berger and Martin O'Donnell, recently attained their [National Board Certification](#). They join 11 other Kimberly Area School District teachers in completing National Board Certification, including Stacy Shrode who recently renewed her certification. Like board certification in medicine or accounting, National Board Certification is teaching's highest professional credential and is awarded by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.



Megan Berger, a health teacher at [J.R. Gerritts Middle School](#), has worked for the Kimberly Area School District for 14 years. She has a bachelor's degree in psychology and philosophy from UW-Stevens Point. She also has a bachelor's degree in education and a master's degree in health psychology from Northern Arizona University. She went on to earn a master's degree in education from Viterbo University. "I am hoping my National Board Certification has improved my emphasis on the student as an individual learner and problem solver," said Berger. "Through this process I collaborated with others to increase my students' awareness of their current health status and to increase their ability to reflect on and understand motivation and goal setting."

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Martin O'Donnell is in his 8th year of teaching band at J.R. Gerritts Middle School and in his 11th year of being a teacher. He received a bachelor's degree in instrumental music education from Lawrence University and is currently pursuing a master's degree in educational administration from Marquette University. "National Board Certification has made me become a more reflective teacher, which has allowed me to think more deeply about how I can better help my students learn," said O'Donnell.



Stacy Shrode, a math teacher at [Kimberly High School](#), worked toward and received a renewal of her National Board Certification this year. The renewal process is different from certification, but still requires significant effort from educators. To renew certification teachers must complete a detailed submission demonstrating their professional growth. Shrode first earned her National Board Certification in 2009.



"By obtaining National Board Certification, Megan and Marty have demonstrated their commitment to learning and growing as professional educators," said Bob Mayfield, superintendent for the Kimberly Area School District. "They are both great examples of our motto 'Our Learning For Theirs.' We are very fortunate to now have 13 National Board Certified teachers on our team who are helping our students grow as problem solvers so they can reach their potential."

National Board Certification measures a teacher's practice against high and rigorous standards. The process is an extensive series of performance-based assessments that includes teaching portfolios, student work samples, videotapes and thorough analysis of the candidate's classroom teaching and student learning.

Teachers also complete a series of written exercises that probe the depth of their subject-matter knowledge, as well as their understanding of how to teach those subjects to their students. This process typically takes one to three years to complete. Megan and Martin join their colleagues Jessica Evers, Aimee Froze, Tracie Halfmann,

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Jason Jansen, Kelly Jansen, Jodi King, Jen Loomis, Amy Reed, Stacy Shrode, Kristin Smits and Phil Yunk in National Board Certification.

About the Kimberly Area School District

The Kimberly Area School District is a progressive public school district committed to providing the best possible education available to students. Its responsibility is to help lead the way in developing well-rounded students and future citizens. The District wants every student to be given the opportunity to reach their potential through academics, the arts and co-curricular activities. It encompasses approximately 17 square miles and serves over 5,100 students in one 4K center, four elementary schools (5K-4), two intermediate schools (5-6), one middle school (7-8) and one high school (9-12). To learn more about the Kimberly Area School District, call (920)788-7900 or visit www.kimberly.k12.wi.us.