

## Building a Network

**Rationale:** The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards® recognizes that collaboration and networking among colleagues is an important aspect of professional growth. Building a network of professionals and planning to connect with others is often a key to success in attaining National Board Certification®.

### Management

Time: 15 minutes

Materials: Candidate Support Network handout (WS2.A3.H1)

Equipment: None

Grouping: No grouping required

**Outcomes:**

- Candidates will begin the process of connecting with others for support while pursuing National Board Certification.

**Instructions to NB Candidate Support Provider:**

1. Explain that candidates sometimes find it helpful to work with other people as they go through the National Board process. This could include NBCTs, colleagues, candidates and other professionals.
2. Provide the Candidate Support Network handout. Before copying the handout, fill in contact information for the District Liaison and any other support providers that may be available to this particular group of candidates.
3. Suggest to the group that you will collect all of their contact information & share it. Pass around a sign-up sheet to collect candidate names, schools, phone and email addresses and area of certification. (You may already have this information from the workshop registration that you could pass around at this time.)
4. Ask participants if they can share other names of folks who may be available to support candidates.

**Processing:**

- What are your hunches about the nature of and the level of support you will need for different areas of National Board Certification?

