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## **Four Aiken County educators earn National Board Certification**

The Aiken County Public School District is proud to announce four new National Board Certified teachers, which brings the district total to 109. South Carolina's total rises to 7,784. The following four teachers passed rigorous testing and lengthy evaluations to gain this unique classification recognized across the United States.

**Ashley Burns, Belvedere Elementary**

**Exceptional Needs Specialist/Early Childhood through Young Adulthood**

**Pamela Corbett, Busbee Elementary**

**School Counseling/ Early Childhood through Young Adulthood**

**Melesia Farkas, Busbee Elementary**

**Literacy: Reading-Language Arts/Early and Middle Childhood**

**Kenneth Spence, Silver Bluff High**

**Mathematics/Adolescence and Young Adulthood**

Teachers seeking National Board Certification undertake a two-part process that can take from one to three years to complete. The process requires candidates to reflect on their classroom practices, their understanding of subject material and their preparation techniques. They must prepare a portfolio with videotapes of classroom teaching, lesson plans, student work samples and reflective essays. Candidates must complete assessment center exercises based on content knowledge that proves they have mastered the subjects they teach and also know how to effectively teach them.

A searchable database of all newly certified National Board Teachers is available at [www.cerra.org/nationalBoard/dec2010](http://www.cerra.org/nationalBoard/dec2010) until January 31, 2011. After the link at CERRA expires, NBCTs can be identified through a searchable database at [www.nbpts.org](http://www.nbpts.org). For more information on the National Board certification process, please contact the Center for Educator, Recruitment, Retention, and Advancement (CERRA - SOUTH CAROLINA). Mychal Frost, Public Information Coordinator, can be reached at [frostm@cerra.org](mailto:frostm@cerra.org) or 803-323-4032.