

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Education Professional Standards Board
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EPSB Staff
FROM: Phillip S. Rogers, Executive Director
DATE: October 1, 2010
SUBJECT: October 2010 EPSB Update

Mission Statement

The Education Professional Standards Board, in full collaboration and cooperation with its education partners, promotes high levels of student achievement by establishing and enforcing rigorous professional standards for preparation, certification, and responsible and ethical behavior of all professional educators in Kentucky.

Worth Remembering

“The greatest discovery of any generation is that a human being can alter his life by altering his attitude.” --- William James

New Director of the Division of Educator Preparation

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Kim Walters-Parker has been selected to direct the Division of Educator Preparation. Dr. Walters-Parker comes to the EPSB with extensive experience as a classroom teacher, district-wide resource teacher, and teacher educator. In the Fayette County Schools she served as an English teacher, reading specialist, and district high school language arts specialist. At Georgetown College she currently serves as Program Director of the Teacher Leader Master of Arts program, chair of the Teacher Education Committee, and Assistant Professor of Graduate Education, teaching graduate literacy courses and researching teacher efficacy through an Improving Educator Quality Grant.

Dr. Walters-Parker was educated at Georgetown College, Morehead State University, and the University of Kentucky, from which she holds Ed.S, Ph.D, and J.D. degrees. Her work with a district-funded reading endorsement program in collaboration with the University of Kentucky was featured in Education Week and The School Administrator. She has also worked extensively with the Berea College GEAR UP program to encourage and prepare low-income students in Estill, Jackson, Lee, Madison, and Rockcastle Counties to attend college. Dr. Walters-Parker brings both legal knowledge and invaluable experience in literacy, college readiness, and teacher effectiveness to the EPSB. We look forward to her arrival on December 16, 2010.

Kentucky Teacher Internship Program (KTIP)

As of September 15, 2,048 new interns are enrolled in KTIP. By reducing the number of out-of-class hours from 50 to 40, the EPSB will be able to provide internships for 2,493 new teachers. Of the 429 new teachers who were denied admission to KTIP during the 08-09 and 09-10 school

years due to reduced funds, 412 (86%) have now been placed in KTIP. We continue to give priority placements to those who were previously denied KTIP due to budget restrictions.

Kentucky Principal Test (KYPT)

For several months EPSB staff has been in conversation with the Educational Testing Service (ETS) regarding having ETS administer the Kentucky Principal Test (KYPT). All principal candidates must pass the KYPT prior to being recommended for an initial principal certificate. About 250-300 candidates take the KYPT each year. Currently the KYPT is administered by the EPSB, requiring considerable staff time to register test takers and score tests. Test security and the maintenance of an online study guide also consume large amounts of EPSB staff time. ETS has agreed to provide the online study guide, maintain test security, review the test items for validity and reliability, and provide detailed score reports to those taking the KYPT. Details still remain to be worked out, but we hope to bring this item to the board in the near future. We anticipate the cost of the test to increase by five dollars from the current cost of \$80 to \$85; however,

KASHRM Conference coming in November

The Kentucky Association of School Human Resource Managers will hold its 17th annual conference on November 2 in the Embassy Suites Hotel in Lexington. Mike Carr will be one of the featured presenters at the meeting, enlightening the group on the recent changes in certification as well as discussing the most common pitfalls seen in teacher certification and hiring over the past year. Those interested in attending should contact Mindy Alexander at GRREC for registration information.

Partnership for Next Generation Learning

As I shared with you in May, Kentucky has joined five other states, the Council of Chief State School Officers, and the Stupski Foundation in an emerging initiative to develop technology-enabled solutions to improve teaching and learning. This model includes world-class knowledge and skills; personalized learning; authentic student voice; performance-based learning; comprehensive systems of supports; and anytime/everywhere opportunities. With a focus on innovation, this work will help create replicable, scalable implementations of next generation learning that aligns with the Common Core State Standards.

EPSB staff member Marcie Lowe as well as board member Dr. Mark Wasicsko will serve on the PNxGL State Core Team. The Core Team will function as a steering committee for the work of Kentucky's six designated model sites: Danville/Boyle (joint site), Daviess, Jessamine, Kenton and Madison Counties. The State Core Team will participate in the Stupski/CCSSO national convening of the six states (KY, MN, NY, OH, WV, and WI) at the Millennium Hotel in Cincinnati on October 22-24.

LEAD/Certification trainings draw large crowd

EPSB staff held voluntary training for new and experienced human resources directors and other staff to help them in working with educators' certification needs. On September 10 over 65 persons attended the update training, which was conducted by Mike Carr. That morning Cindy Godsey conducted training for over 25 new LEAD Coordinators to ensure that they are current on that ongoing process.

Certification Division processes record number during summer

The Division of Certification has completed its busiest time, processing thousands of rank changes and certificate renewals. As of September 13, the division had no backlog for processing transactions for which all documents had arrived at EPSB, and the division had created or edited a record number of over 25,600 credentials since May 15. This number may be compared to the same time period in 2009, when 19,050 credentials were created or edited.

Update: National Board for Professional Teaching Standards

Currently 400 first-time candidates have enrolled in National Board (NB). Each has received a federal subsidy of \$1,250, which covers half the cost of NB Certification. These federal subsidies greatly assist the EPSB to offer incentives to NB candidates. Due to an approximate 29% reduction in NB funds, however, EPSB staff members continue to monitor our ability to offer substitute reimbursements and teacher stipends for the 2 days to prepare for the NB assessments. Currently, no substitute reimbursements or teacher stipends are being issued, thus ensuring our ability to cover the 75% out-of-pocket expenses to successful NB candidates as mandated by KRS 161.134.

Commonwealth Collaborative for School Leadership Programs (CCSLP)

I welcome the CCSLP back to the EPSB. As one of the oldest collaborative groups in the state, the CCSLP represents public and private institutions with approved school and district leadership programs. The September meeting focused on the work of the principal redesign and the upcoming dates for submitting redesigned principal preparation programs.

The next meeting of the CCSLP will be October 8, 2010 at the EPSB.

EPSB to Remain Open

The EPSB will remain open during the upcoming furlough period of October 1-15. Our staff will stagger furlough days during this period, permitting the agency to remain open. We ask for your patience if we are unable to respond as quickly as usual, due to having staff on furlough. Our directors are working hard to arrange the required furlough days so they have limited negative impact on our ability to serve Kentucky schools and educators.

Meetings, Conferences, Etc

- October 5 – South East/South Central Educational Cooperative meeting
- October 6 – Kentucky Board of Education meeting
- October 8 – Commonwealth Collaborative for School Leadership Programs meeting
- October 11 – Interim Joint Committee on Education meeting
- October 12 – Governor’s Task Force on Education meeting
- October 14/15 – Kentucky Association of Colleges of Teacher Education Conference
- October 15 – Northern Kentucky Cooperative for Educational Services meeting
- October 20 – Kentucky Educational Development Cooperative meeting
- October 20 – Western Kentucky Educational Cooperative meeting
- October 20 – Central Kentucky Educational Cooperative meeting
- October 20 – Master’s Programs Redesign Review Committee meeting
- October 21 – Principal Preparation Program Redesign Review Committee meeting
- October 23/27 – University of the Cumberlands accreditation visit
- October 25 – EPSB regular meeting
- October 26 – EPSB staff leadership meeting
- October 27 – Ohio Valley Educational Cooperative meeting

