

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Education Professional Standards Board
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EPSB Staff
FROM: Phillip S. Rogers, Executive Director
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SUBJECT: February 2011 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

“There is a time to let things happen and a time to make things happen.”

-- Hugh Prather

Milestone: New Teacher Leader Master’s Degree Programs

On December 31, 2010, all education master’s degree programs in Kentucky were closed by the EPSB ([16 KAR 5:010, Section 12](#)). Teachers enrolled in these closed programs will have until January 31, 2013, to finish their work. The EPSB has approved 12 university proposals for new Teacher Leader master’s degree programs. The EPSB Master’s Redesign Program Review Committee continues to work with four other Kentucky universities whose programs need further development. The programs that have not yet been approved may not enroll new students.

I want to thank all who have worked long hours to design programs with an emphasis on the advanced teaching skills and knowledge that result in learning for all students. Each new program includes a capstone project that demonstrates the teacher’s ability to teach at an advanced level before being recommended to the EPSB for a rank change.

I ask your support to inform teachers that the new Teacher Leader master’s degree programs are the best, safest, and most certain route to be taken by Kentucky teachers for a rank change. Out-of-state programs, which may appear easier to teachers, may not have the same focus on advanced skills or teacher leadership, nor do they grant the Teacher Leader Endorsement. Because we are confident in the value of the new Teacher Leader Master’s programs, we believe it important to steer teachers into them.

Please remind teachers that there is always a risk when they choose not to use EPSB-approved rank change programs. Multiple regulations govern the acceptance of degrees for rank changes, and only EPSB-approved programs guarantee acceptance once a program is completed. In

addition, any new certificates gained via out-of-state programs are valid in the state where they were earned but not automatically in Kentucky.

Please pass along this important message to teachers, and support our efforts to bring real value to Kentucky's rank change system.

Important Reminder: The End of Emergency Certificate Re-issuance

Next school year will be the first in which no teacher who has previously held a full-time Emergency Certificate may receive another such certificate. Districts should be planning for this new regulation, identifying those teachers within the district who are working on an emergency certificate. If the district wishes to employ these teachers during 2011-12, plans must be made this spring to get them into an alternative certification program or add the additional area via the [TC-HQ route](#). Information on this change in the regulation has been sent to superintendents and HR personnel since the regulation was passed in the spring of 2010; however, the implementation date for this provision was set for June 2011 to allow districts to prepare for the change.

Streamlining of Accreditation and Program Review Processes

The Educator Preparation Division staff is planning a presentation to the EPSB on the need for updating Kentucky's program review and state accreditation processes. During the March 2011 EPSB meeting, Division Director Dr. Kim Walters-Parker will ask the board to appoint a committee and approve a committee charter that will guide this important work. Several aspects of these processes will be studied: what information is gathered from the institutions, how often it is gathered, how it is reviewed by the EPSB, and particularly how the accreditation process can be used to improve Kentucky's preparation of effective teachers.

For too long we have approached the program review and accreditation process with an emphasis on making sure the paper work is in order. I am interested in what will happen as we begin to identify the primary indicators of program quality and give our preparation programs more time to focus on producing effective teachers and less time sending 150 page program proposals to the EPSB. The primary goal of this work is continued improvement in the efficiency of the state accreditation process so that it supports building the skills and knowledge that all educators need to help all children learn.

Kentucky Teacher Internship Program (KTIP): Spring Interns

Due to EPSB budget planning, flexibility provided by the General Assembly, and a lower than expected number of interns in the fall, 223 interns will be allowed to participate in KTIP this spring. EPSB staff members have currently approved 151 new interns for the spring semester. We forecast the inclusion of all interns for the 2010-2011 school year. The final day to submit a Confirmation of Employment for the spring is Feb. 15.

Presentation at Council on Postsecondary Education meeting

On Thursday, February 3rd, I will be presenting to the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE). My presentation, "Educator Preparation in Kentucky: Collective Change and Improvement," gives me an opportunity to showcase the important shared work of improving the preparation of Kentucky educators.

CPE meeting materials are available on the Web now at: [CPE February 3rd meeting agenda](#).

TELL Kentucky: Kentucky's First Teacher Working Conditions Survey

The TELL (Teaching, Empowering, Leading and Learning) Kentucky Survey creates a unique opportunity to gather information about school working conditions from those whose views matter most --- practicing educators. The purpose of the survey is to support sound educational policies and practices based on the views of teachers, principals, and other certified educators in our public schools. The respondents will be asked for their perceptions on a variety of issues related to student achievement and teacher retention, including the adequacy of facilities and resources, time, empowerment, school leadership, community support, student conduct, professional development, mentoring and induction services, and student learning.

It will be important for **all educators** in certified positions within each district to complete the survey. The anonymous online survey may be completed from March 1 to March 26, 2011. Visit the TELL Kentucky website to review the survey questions: www.tellkentucky.com.

Teacher Leader Master's Review Committee

The Teacher Leader Master's Review Committee met on January 24 and will meet again in early February to continue reviewing program proposals. At the January 10 Board meeting, 16 KAR 5:010 Section 12 was revised to remove the expiration date for this committee so it can continue as the official reviewing body for all future master's submissions. Continuing the work of the specialized committee ensures continuity as our institutions develop programs to meet schools' and teachers' needs. The EPSB is actively sharing information about the Teacher Leader Master's programs with school district personnel so constituents are familiar with the new programs and the skills they provide teachers.

SB1 and KTIP Alignment

The SB1 and KTIP Alignment committee appointed by the EPSB in October 2010 has been meeting to ensure the alignment of SB1 and KTIP. SB1 states that

The Education Professional Standards Board shall ensure that each teacher preparation program includes use of the academic standards in the pre-service education programs and that all teacher interns after the effective date of this Act will have experience planning classroom instruction based on the revised standards.

The committee is revising the language of the Teacher Performance Assessment Handbook as well as incorporating resources in support of the Kentucky Core Academic Standards. Training materials and updates for existing committee members will be available before the June 2011 training sessions.

UPDATE: P-20 Data Collaborative Data System

The P-20 Data Collaborative has hired three staff members in addition to the Executive Director and the agency staff who are funded through the grant. The group has compiled a list of the most critical policy questions that the system is being designed to answer and is cross-referencing the data needed to answer these with the data available from the agencies. KDE, EPSB, and CPE will provide the first files to populate the data system. Over the next few months the system will be refined and tested. Beginning in June, the data will be used for research and to develop new reports. The collaborative is developing a website where updates and more information will be available at <http://kentuckyp20.ky.gov>.

UPDATE: P-20 Data Collaborative University/College Work Group

The P-20 Data Collaborative University/College Work Group met January 10, 2011, for the purpose of reviewing the first online module developed by the Council on Postsecondary Education to inform postsecondary faculty of the new Kentucky Core Academic Standards. KACTE, AIKCU, and EPSB collaborated in this effort. Group members are continuing to work on the best way to roll out the professional development on the Kentucky Core Academic Standards for each institution.

One-Stop Shop: SB1 Kentucky Core Academic Standards for Teacher Preparation

EPSB is collaborating with KDE and CPE to provide a multi-pronged approach in the delivery of training sessions to postsecondary faculty to maximize the positive impact of SB 1. The face-to-face informational sessions will begin in February and continue through August 2011. A partial listing of the dates and locations is below. The Senate Bill 1 (2009) Information Workshop is open to all postsecondary faculty and staff (full and part-time) and KCTCS faculty. Registration will be on the CPE website. These sessions will introduce the standards, integrating the characteristics of highly effective teaching and learning and assessment for learning.

Lexington, February 23rd, 2011

Hopkinsville, March 25th, 2001

Covington, February 24th, 2011

Bowling Green, April 21st, 2011

Georgetown, March 4th, 2011

The Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) has developed a website to communicate available professional development on the revised content standards.

The Kentucky Core Standards website is located at <http://kycorestandards.org/>.

Certification Presentation Adds Venues

Since the mention of the new Top 10 Pitfalls in Certification to Avoid in last month's update memo, additional requests for the presentation have come in to Mike Carr, so the presentation also will be available at the OVEC HR Directors meeting in Shelbyville on February 24 and at a meeting for GRREC HR directors in Bowling Green on April 22, following the Job Fair. The presentation has also been proposed as a session for the KASA Summer Institute in July. In addition, Mike is working with KDE to brief (sometime in February) interested staff members who work with certification issues.

National Board Extends Application Period

National Board has extended the application window for the 2010 -2011 cycle until January 31 (official deadline is December 31, 2010). Currently there are 513 candidates seeking certification for the 2010 – 2011 cycle; of these 96 are retake candidates. Every candidate who has paid the full certification fee or the initial certification fee has received federal subsidy. Reimbursements for the 2009 – 2010 National Board Certified Teachers are currently being received in districts.

Recognition for New NBPTS Teachers

The EPSB is coordinating a recognition ceremony on Monday, February 28, 2011, for the 316 new Kentucky National Board Certified Teachers, Class of 2010. Gov. Beshear will sign a proclamation declaring February 28, 2011, as National Board Teacher Day in Kentucky. The proclamation will be presented during the ceremony in the Capitol Rotunda followed by recognition of the honorees by both chambers of the General Assembly.

Congratulations to our new National Board Certified Teachers!

NASDTEC Southern Regional Meeting

Mike Carr will host this meeting via telephone conference from the EPSB offices on Wednesday, February 2 from 2:30-4:30 p.m. This is the first year that the group has not met in a face-to-face meeting, but the states' travel restrictions have made that impossible this year. Those IHEs who are NASDTEC members received an e-mail invitation to the meeting in mid-January. Some EPSB leadership team members will attend. Mike is the NASDTEC regional director for the southern states, so you can contact him directly if you are interested in becoming a NASDTEC associate member. A major topic at the meeting will be the new Interstate Agreement, discussed with the Board at its January meeting. The annual conference will be this June in Sacramento.

Planned Accreditation Visits

The Educator Preparation Division staff is preparing for several accreditation visits in the spring. Visits are planned for Northern Kentucky University and Western Kentucky University, both seeking continuing NCATE and state accreditation, as well as the Alternative Certification Elementary and Secondary Program in Jefferson County, which is seeking renewal of state accreditation. We will also conduct a one-day onsite visit to Boyce College as part of the developmental process for state accreditation.

Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowling for Kids' Sake

EPSB staff members are warming up and busily securing sponsors for the 2011 Bowl for Kids' Sake to benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of the Bluegrass. EPSB teams will bowl on Friday, February 25 at noon during lunch. Although not everyone is able to serve as a Big Brother or Sister, we can all support those who do volunteer. Our goal is to meet the \$1,295 we raised in 2010 to help make a difference in the lives of Kentucky children.

For more information on Big Brothers and Big Sisters of the Bluegrass, [click here](#).

Meetings, Conferences, Etc

February 1 – Southeast/South Central Educational Cooperative meeting
February 1 – Literacy and Math design Collaborative meeting
February 1 – Master's Program Review Committee meeting
February 2 – NASDTEC Southern Region phone conference
February 2 – Kentucky Board of Education meeting
February 2 – House Education Committee meeting
February 2 – NASDTEC Southern Regional meeting (conference call)
February 3 – Senate Education Committee meeting
February 3 – EPSB Presentation at Council on Postsecondary Education meeting
February 7 – EPSB Leadership staff meeting

February 8 – House Education Committee meeting
February 8 – TELL meeting
February 8 – Kentucky Valley Education Cooperative Legislative Recognition meeting
February 9 – Northern Kentucky Educational Cooperative meeting
February 10 – Senate Education Committee meeting
February 10 – Ethics Seminar at Alice Lloyd College
February 11 – Kentucky Advisory Council on Internships meeting
February 14 – KTIP and SB1 Alignment Committee meeting
February 15 – House Education Committee meeting
February 15 – Redesigned Principal Preparation Program Review Committee meeting
February 16 – Kentucky Educational Development Cooperation meeting
February 16 – Central Kentucky Educational Cooperative meeting
February 16/17 – Master’s Program Review Committee meeting
February 17 – Senate Education Committee meeting
February 17 – Education Leadership Development Collaborative meeting
February 18 – Committee on Math Achievement meeting
February 21 – EPSB Leadership staff meeting
February 22 – House Education Committee meeting
February 23 – Western Kentucky Educational Cooperative meeting
February 23 – Ohio Valley Educational Cooperative meeting
February 23 – Green River Regional Educational Cooperative meeting (Frankfort)
February 23 – Kentucky Valley Educational Cooperative meeting
February 23 – Kentucky School Board Association reception
February 24 – OVEC Human Resource Directors meeting
February 24 – Senate Education Committee meeting
February 25 – Bowl for Kids Sake
February 28 – Recognition of new National Board Certified Teachers