

## **March 2013 EPSB Update Memo**

### **EPSB Mission**

*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.*

### **National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS)**

The EPSB is coordinating a recognition ceremony on Thursday, March 7, 2013, for the 267 new Kentucky National Board Certified Teachers, Class of 2012. The new NBCTs will be honored during a ceremony in the Capitol and then recognized in both the House of Representatives and the Senate. The Governor will provide a proclamation declaring March 7, 2013, as Kentucky National Board Certified Teacher Day. Each newly certified National Board teacher is invited to bring his or her principal or superintendent to this event as a special guest. The recognition events will begin at 1:00 p.m. in the Capitol Rotunda. For information on the event please contact Marcie Lowe at [Marcie.Lowe@ky.gov](mailto:Marcie.Lowe@ky.gov). Please join us in offering our congratulations for jobs well done!

### **Spring LEAD Report Due; HQ Teacher Report Begins March 1**

Districts should sign off and finalize their spring LEAD reports by Thursday, February 28. This is an important date as this data will be used by EPSB staff to allow school principals to complete the annual Highly Qualified Teacher Report during the month of March. It is vital that districts ensure updates have been made to the LEAD report, so that accurate teacher information will be given to principals for completing the HQT report. Please remind your principals that HQ documentation should be kept on file at each school for all permanent core area teachers in their buildings. Further information on HQT and determining HQ status may be found on the EPSB website at <http://www.epsb.ky.gov/nclb.asp>.

### **Kentucky Center for Education and Workforce Statistics (KCEWS)**

The Kentucky Center for Education and Workforce Statistics (KCEWS) has authority to collect data from the participating agencies including the Education Professional Standards Board, Council on Postsecondary Education, Kentucky Department of Education, and the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet. Data is collected through the statewide Kentucky Longitudinal Data System and

the data is linked to evaluate education and workforce efforts in the Commonwealth. Charles McGrew's January 2013 report on employment outcomes may be accessed at <http://kentuckyp20.ky.gov/SpecialReports.aspx>.

### **Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP)**

The draft CAEP standards were released for public comment on February 15, 2013. CAEP is a new accrediting body for educator preparation which established the Commission on Standards and Performance Reporting to develop accreditation standards for preparation programs. Commissioner Terry Holliday is a co-chair of this commission. Comments to these standards may be submitted between the dates of February 22 – March 29, 2013, at <http://standards.caepnet.org>.

### **New Teacher Admission Requirements & Alternative Certified Teachers**

Effective September 1, 2012, all new candidates to an initial teacher education program must meet revised admission requirements, most notably a 2.75 GPA and successful completion of the Praxis I test. These new requirements will likely have an effect for the first time this summer on how quickly candidates are admitted to the various alternative certification programs in the state's colleges and universities.

Districts should be aware, because the Praxis I must be taken and scored before admission to the alternative certification program, these candidates will not be available as readily as in past years. Superintendents and personnel directors may want to now begin identifying possible teaching candidates working in the district in some capacity ( e.g., substitute teachers, etc.) and have those people contact a college or university offering alternative certification programs, especially in critical shortage areas.

### **Time to Start Thinking about TC-4 Process for 2013-14**

The EPSB Division of Certification has been getting a number of e-mails lately about beginning the TC-4 (Emergency Certified Substitute Teacher) process for the upcoming school year. EPSB staff will be sending an e-mail communication on this subject to our identified district TC-4 contact list in the near future. The process will remain the same for the upcoming year; however, the board order number for hiring these employees must be dated after March 1, 2013. The process will be much quicker this year for those employees who were approved for the current school year because their demographic information is already in the TC-4 application database.

### **Kentucky Teacher Network Event on March 26**

EPSB certification staff will be attending this event on the campus of Eastern Kentucky University to assist prospective teachers with questions regarding educator certification, internship, and rank change guidelines. The KY Teacher Network is the state's largest new teacher job fair each year, drawing over 400 new teachers to one location where they may visit with district representatives from across the state. This year's event is scheduled for the afternoon of March 26 at ECU's Keen Johnson Building, and further details may be obtained by contacting Mary Raider at [mary.raider@eku.edu](mailto:mary.raider@eku.edu).

### **Free Ethics Seminars**

The EPSB Division of Legal Services will provide your district, school, or class with ethics training for free. EPSB staff can customize the training to meet the needs of your candidates, student teachers, practicing teachers, or administrators. If you would like to take advantage of this service, please contact Elise Borne at [elise.borne@ky.gov](mailto:elise.borne@ky.gov) for training information.

March seminars will be conducted at the University of Louisville on March 27, 2013, and Madisonville Community College on March 30, 2013.

### **Invitation to Join Edmodo Groups**

The Division of Educator Preparation has begun using Edmodo, a social learning platform, to communicate and collaborate with educator preparation contacts across the state in a timely manner. For example, higher education faculty and staff are being invited to join Edmodo groups for data contacts, student teaching contacts, Option 6 contacts, and program-specific faculty. If you receive an email invitation to join one of the Educator Preparation Division's Edmodo groups, please be sure to join and respond to notices that information has been posted. If you believe you should be in an Edmodo group based on your educator preparation role but have not received an invitation, please contact Lauren Graves at [lauren.graves@ky.gov](mailto:lauren.graves@ky.gov).

### **Committees to Study Educator Preparation**

Two committees established by the Education Professional Standards Board are studying educator preparation issues and will provide feedback to the board regarding specific preparation issues. The Teachers of Exceptional Children Committee and the Literacy Preparation Advisory Committee reflect the board's commitment to engaging P-12 educators, higher education faculty, and advocacy groups in an ongoing effort to ensure high quality preparation for Kentucky's educators. For questions concerning the work of these committees, please contact Kim Walters-Parker at [kim.walters-parker@ky.gov](mailto:kim.walters-parker@ky.gov).

### **Accreditation Visits**

The Division of Educator Preparation is participating in three accreditation visits this semester. Lindsey Wilson College hosted its first joint NCATE/EPSTB accreditation on-site visit February 10-13. Alice Lloyd College will be hosting a continuing state accreditation visit in March, and Boyce College will be hosting its first state accreditation visit in April. The EPSTB and Kentucky's educator preparation programs appreciate our Board of Examiners members' participation in this peer review process.

### **Teaching, Empowering, Leading, and Learning (TELL) KY Survey**

The Kentucky Department of Education will host the second administration of the TELL Kentucky Survey during a four-week window between March 4 – March 29. The TELL Survey is open to all school-based, licensed educators, including administrators, and other instructional staff across the state. By hearing directly from educators, schools have the opportunity to make data-driven decisions that make all schools great places to work and learn. The TELL Kentucky Survey and additional information may be accessed by visiting [www.tellkentucky.org](http://www.tellkentucky.org).

### **2013 Legislative Session**

Lawmakers are at the mid-point of the 30-day session for 2013. During odd numbered years, the maximum number of days allowed for a legislative session by the Kentucky Constitution is 30 days. The second part of the session began on February 5 and will last until the ten day veto period, which begins on March 12. Final adjournment (*Sine Die*) is scheduled for March 26. The daily 2013 session calendar lists meetings and start times each day. It can be viewed at [http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislative\\_calendar/index.aspx](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislative_calendar/index.aspx). Legislative coverage can be viewed live each day with KET's online video coverage of both the House and Senate at <http://www.ket.org/legislature/>.

As in the past, we are providing a weekly report on legislation that relates to the EPSTB's goals. Marcie Lowe will update the tracking sheet each weekend and send an email with a link to the legislative tracking sheet on Monday of each week. The link to the Legislative Resource Commission where you may find additional information regarding the 2013 legislative session may be found at [www.lrc.ky.gov](http://www.lrc.ky.gov).

### **FYI: March Meetings**

March 5, 2013 – South East/South Central Educational Cooperative

March 27, 2013 – Green River Regional Educational Cooperative

March 13, 2013 – Northern Kentucky Cooperative for Educational Services

March 20, 2013 – Central Kentucky Educational Cooperative

March 6 - 7, 2013 – Kentucky Educational Development Corporation

March 27, 2013 – Kentucky Valley Educational Cooperative

March 27, 2013 – Western Kentucky Educational Cooperative

March 27, 2013 – Ohio Valley Educational Cooperative

**The next regularly scheduled meeting of the EPSB is Monday, March 4, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room A, 100 Airport Road, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Frankfort, Kentucky.**

EPSB meeting agendas may be found [here](#) one week prior to the meeting.