

MEMORANDUM

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

“Patience and perseverance have a magical effect before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish.” --- John Quincy Adams, 6th U.S. President

KACTE Award

I was honored to be selected by the Kentucky Association of Colleges of Teacher Education (KACTE) to receive its 2010 Distinguished Service Award. Knowing the dedication and professionalism of KACTE members only makes this award more special and the recognition more humbling.

NCATE: Institutional Orientation and Professional Development Conference

I look forward to welcoming attendees from around the country to the NCATE Institutional Orientation and Professional Development Conference on April 8th in Louisville. I also get the pleasure of introducing Jim Cibulka, former Dean of the COE at UK as well as the former chair of the EPSB, who currently serves as President of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

The conference will cover NCATE’s redesign and provide assistance for IHEs beginning the accreditation process. Marilyn Troupe will be making opening remarks the following day.

New Teacher Survey Pilot Going Live on May 15th

The redesigned new teacher survey now aligns survey questions with the Kentucky Teacher Standards, permitting the EPSB and teacher preparation programs to analyze the survey results more discretely.

The survey link will be e-mailed to the following groups in early April:

- all student teachers and the cooperating teachers of those who will be graduating in May 2010 and

- all interns and the resource teachers of those who will be completing internships in May 2010

The survey link will be located directly in the e-mail notification. Participants will have until May 15 to complete the survey. Because the survey is a pilot, the results will not be used by the EPSB for program evaluation; however, the standard reports will be available for public review on the KEPP website. A raw data set will be available upon request to preparation programs.

Increasing the Number of World Language Teachers

I was honored to provide opening remarks at the March 4th meeting to investigate ways we can increase the number of world language teachers in Kentucky. Mike Carr and Marilyn Troupe, along with Jacque VanHouten of KDE, met with interested stakeholders to explore interest in creating a program to increase the number of new teachers in the world languages. The meeting was a great success with over 50 attendees. As a result of that meeting, nine institutions showed interest in working on such a program, and a follow-up meeting is scheduled for April 23 in Frankfort. That meeting will focus on how institutions may collaborate on a program, and it is hoped that interested IHEs will soon begin the process of submitting a program to EPSB for consideration.

Unit Accreditation Board (UAB) Meeting

As a UAB board member, Marilyn Troupe represents agencies such as the EPSB from around the country, providing the state agency perspective on policy issues related to NCATE policy.

The UAB will be meeting April 17-21 in Portland, OR. All expenses for Marilyn's participation are provided by NCATE.

Governor's Transforming Education in Kentucky Task Force

Due to a death in my family, I was unable to attend the March meeting of the Governor's Transforming Education in Kentucky Task Force, but we were represented well with Robert Brown in attendance. Several presentations assisted the group in determining strategies to address needs of 21st Century classrooms in Kentucky.

Presenters included:

- Helen Soulé, Director of State Partnerships of the Partnership for 21st Century Schools, provided an overview of the organization. The Mile Guide, a free online document being used to help analyze the readiness of schools in teaching 21st Century Skills, was reviewed. This document may be found at [The Partnership for 21st Century Skills - 2009 MILE Guide: Milestones for Improving Learning & Education](#)
- Nick Mathen, Director of New Program Development for the Gateway to College National Network, provided an overview of this drop-out prevention program. Many students in the program are graduating with a high school diploma and an average of 45 college credit hours at no cost to the parents. More information may be found at <http://www.gatewaytocollege.org/>.

- Donna Wear, Principal of Commonwealth Middle College, provided an overview of this program for qualifying juniors and seniors from Marshall and McCracken Counties. The Commonwealth Middle College received a grant allowing for free college tuition for students accepted into the program. For more information go to: <http://www.marshall.k12.ky.us/commonwealthmiddlecollege/>.

The next meeting of the Governor's task force will be on April 15th.

Continuing Education Option

The next scoring window for the original CEO Program is April 1 - 15. Currently, there are 278 candidates from the original CEO model that have not submitted portfolios. These candidates have until the final scoring submission period of January 1-15, 2013, to submit portfolios.

If you have questions regarding the CEO program, please contact Sharon Salsman at 502.564.4606 or via email at Sharon.Salsman@ky.gov.

Assessment Reviews

In March, the Educational Testing Service (ETS) facilitated four test reviews performed by currently practicing Kentucky teachers and teacher educators. Three of the tests were newly developed Praxis II special education tests:

- *Special Education: Core Knowledge (0354)*,
- *Special Education: Core Knowledge and Mild to Moderate Disabilities (0543)*, and
- *Special Education: Core Knowledge and Severe to Profound Disabilities (0545)*

Two of the tests, (0543) and (0545), are combination tests and, if adopted, would result in a reduction in the number of tests required for the Learning and Behavior Disorders and Moderate and Severe Disabilities certification areas.

Participants reviewed the Reading Specialist (0300) to determine whether the test may be suitable for the new Literacy Specialist endorsement.

CTE/EPSTB Group Completing Work

The Career & Technical Education Certification Work Group met for the final time on March 19, having completed its review of the areas targeted by the group for study. This group proposed some regulation changes that were already incorporated last fall when regulations were being opened for changes from last year's Certification Task Force.

After a review from outside groups to gather input, there should be two other changes in regulation to come before the EPSTB as a result of this group's efforts. These should be ready for the EPSTB's August meeting for a first reading. In addition, an ongoing effort to work with state IHEs that offer computer-related certification programs will begin this summer. Dr. Troupe will coordinate this effort to bring closer alignment with the needs in the K-12 schools

Spring is Job Fair Time

Mike Carr will be making his annual trips to the state's largest new teacher job fairs to work with aspiring teachers on questions relating to certification and other ESPB

responsibilities. Mike will be at the Kentucky Teacher Network event (UK/KSU/EKU) in Lexington on April 13, and he will attend the GRREC Job Fair in Bowling Green on April 30. Mike will also meet with GRREC personnel directors after its job fair for a presentation on changes in certification regulations.

Ethics Seminars

This month, staff from the Division of Legal Services will be conducting two ethics seminars. On April 2 Alicia Sneed will be at Cooper High School in Boone County for a presentation during the school's professional development day. On April 13, Pikeville College will host Gary Stephens for a presentation.

To schedule an ethics seminar, please contact Elise Borne in the Division of Legal Services at elise.borne@ky.gov.

EPSB Bowl for Kids

On Friday March 5th the EPSB joined other state agencies in the annual Big Brother/Big Sister Bowl for Kids. We had 25 employees join the fun during their lunch hour and apart from one runaway ball that crashed into the pin reset gate and a couple that were released in the wrong direction we managed to have a great time with no injuries. The good news is that we raised \$1,295, enough to match a child with either a big brother or a big sister for one year. Again the generosity of the EPSB staff inspires me.

Meetings, Conferences, Etc

- April 1 – Accreditation Audit Committee meeting
- April 2 – Good Friday (EPSB offices closed in the afternoon)
- April 2 – Ethics seminar at Boone County
- April 5 – Redesigned master's degree review committee meeting
- April 6 – Southeast/South central cooperative meeting
- April 7 – Continuous Assessment Review Committee meeting
- April 8/9 – NCATE Regional meeting in Louisville
- April 12 – Unbridled Learning Summit
- April 13 – Kentucky Teacher Network Job Fair
- April 14 – Green River Regional Education Cooperative meeting
- April 14 – Northern Kentucky Cooperative for Educational Services meeting
- April 14 – Meeting of KTIP regional coordinators
- April 15 – EPSB Staff Leadership meeting
- April 15 – Governor's Transforming Education in Kentucky Task Force meeting
- April 16 – March of Dimes Walk for Babies
- April 21 – Kentucky Education Development Cooperative meeting
- April 23 – World language follow-up meeting
- April 26 – Cabinet Secretary meeting with agency heads
- April 26 – Committee to Review Admission and Clinical Experiences meeting
- April 28 – Ohio Valley Educational Cooperative meeting
- April 29 – Western Kentucky Education Cooperative meeting
- April 30 – Spring agency-wide staff meeting
- April 30 – Green River Regional Education Cooperative job fair