

## MEMORANDUM

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

“Human history becomes more and more a race between education and catastrophe.”

-- H.G. Wells

### Historic Joint Meeting with KBE and CPE

On February 10<sup>th</sup> the EPSB will meet with the Kentucky Board of Education and the Council on Postsecondary Education. This will be the first time these three boards have convened a joint meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to approve a joint resolution to work together to implement the new Common Core Standards required by SB1.

Governor Beshear is scheduled to speak and Secretary of Education Arne Duncan will recognize Kentucky (via a taped message) as the first state to adopt the new standards.

### Governor's Transforming Education in Kentucky Task Force

I have been appointed to the Governor's Transforming Education in Kentucky (TEK) Task Force. The first meeting of TEK will be held on Tuesday, February 2. The meeting will be led by Governor Beshear and Commissioner Holliday and will be hosted by Lu Young, Superintendent of the Jessamine County Schools. The inaugural meeting of TEK will be held at East Jessamine High School.

### KET SB1 “Education Matters” on the web

On January 19<sup>th</sup> I appeared along with Commissioner Terry Holliday and CPE President Robert King on KET's first “Education Matters” program. Facilitated by KET's Bill Goodman, our conversation focused on the important work of SB1. You may view the program online at [Education Matters | KET public affairs production](#).

The next “Education Matters” program will air on February 23 and the topic will be new approaches to quality teaching. In March the topic will be on assessment, and the program will focus on turning around struggling high schools during the April program.

### Committee on Admissions and Clinical Experiences

The first meeting of the Committee on Admissions and Clinical Experiences (CRACE) will be held on February 3rd. The committee, led by Marilyn Troupe, is charged with exploring current best practices in the following: (1) the selection of high quality candidates for the teaching profession and (2) the provision of high quality clinical experiences for both traditional candidates and those seeking initial certification through an alternative route.

Following a review of related research and current practice by institutions (both in and outside of Kentucky), the committee will bring recommendations addressing the following areas:

1. Determining, prior to admission to a preparation program, that all new teacher candidates have adequate skills in math and writing.
2. Selecting new teacher candidates who demonstrate the critical dispositions and attributes necessary to be adaptive and innovative in the classroom of the 21st century.
3. Providing throughout the entire preparation program enhanced field experiences that permit teacher candidates to put academic theory into meaningful practice.
4. Providing high quality mentoring for those entering teaching via an alternative route.
5. Determining the feasibility of a year-long residency experience that is designed to complement KTIP.

### **CTE Certification Workgroup**

Work continues with representatives of the Career and Technical Education offices of KDE and Workforce to suggest changes in the certification types and processes for those educators. The group has met three times and has drafted preliminary changes to EPSB regulations in this area. It is anticipated that final recommendations will be ready for the board's review sometime this summer. Areas discussed include testing requirements, administrator certification, and application forms used, along with standardizing internal procedures between our staff and CTE staff members.

### **Superintendent Program Review Group**

The first meeting of the Committee to Review Superintendent Programs (CRSP) is scheduled for February 26. The committee, led by Robert Brown, is charged with studying the following issues and making recommendations to the board:

- the current state of superintendent preparation in Kentucky
- the inclusion of high quality clinical experiences for both traditional superintendent candidates and those seeking certification through an alternative route
- the alignment of superintendent preparation with teacher leader master's programs, redesigned principal programs, and the General Assembly-mandated assessment center provided by the Kentucky Department of Education

- the review of programs that prepare supervisors of instruction and directors of pupil personnel

CRSP is expected to bring recommendations for change in current regulations and policy so that all of Kentucky's superintendent programs are selecting candidates who possess the requisite skills, knowledge, and dispositions, as well as providing the high quality academic and clinical experiences essential for effective organizational leaders.

**House Resolutions on Confirmations**

Rep. Carl Rollins, III, Chair of the House Education Committee, is sponsoring simple resolutions on the confirmation of the six EPSB members to be confirmed during this legislative session:

Cassandra Webb – [HR 97](#)

Mark Wasicsko – [HR 103](#)

Rebecca Sagan – [HR 104](#)

Lorraine Williams – [HR 105](#)

Zenaida Smith – [HR 106](#)

Cathy Gunn – [HR 107](#)

**World Languages Summit Meeting**

Invitations have been sent to deans and chairs of interested institutions for this meeting to be held March 4 in conjunction with the KACTE spring conference at Georgetown College. Mike Carr discussed this meeting with the board during the January EPSB meeting. Representatives of other interested groups will be invited, and it is hoped that this will begin a movement toward searching for new ways to certify teachers in this area.

**National Board for Professional Teaching Standards**

The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards has notified the EPSB that we will receive \$325,000 in federal subsidies for the 2010-2011 application period. New NB candidates have until August 1, 2010 to make application for the federal subsidies.

**Top Five School Districts Statewide (by total number of NBCTs)**

| School District  | Number of New NBCTs Year | Total Number of NBCTs |
|------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Jefferson County | 24                       | 125                   |
| Oldham County    | 23                       | 124                   |
| Fayette County   | 25                       | 114                   |
| Kenton County    | 11                       | 60                    |
| Bullitt County   | 7                        | 55                    |

**Upcoming Changes in Certification Regulations**

Mike Carr is leading a series of meetings with stakeholder groups regarding the upcoming regulation changes specific to teacher certification (adopted by the EPSB in October 2009). These regulations are moving through the review process, having been approved by the Legislative Review Committee on January 11. It is hoped that these will be official in early spring. So far, presentations have been made to HR groups in Central Kentucky, OVEC, and at SACS conferences in Paducah and Lexington. These meetings will continue with co-op groups as requested.

### **P-20 Data Collaborative**

Led by Cindy Owen, staff members from CPE, KDE, and EPSB who work with the federal P-20 Data Collaborative grant met with the deans and chairs on January 11th. The intention of this organizational meeting was to introduce the grant's objectives and scope of work and solicit participation from the institutions. A work group is now being formed and will meet for the first time in late February. The work group will address the objectives of the grant as well as the requirements of SB1 and the EPSB goals that relate to educator preparation programs.

### **AACTE Conference**

Allison Bell in the Division of Educator Preparation will be attending the annual meeting of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE) in Atlanta, Georgia, February 18-21. The AACTE is a national alliance of educator preparation programs dedicated to the highest quality professional development of teachers and school leaders in order to enhance PK-12 student learning. The theme of this year's conference is "Preparing Educators for the New World." Some of the featured speakers include Arne Duncan, U.S. Secretary of Education, Andreas Schleicher, Head of the Indicators and Analysis Division of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), Nancy Zimpher, Chancellor of State University of New York, and Andy Hargreaves and Dennis Shirley, authors and professors at Boston College.

### **NASDTEC Activities**

Mike Carr presided over the annual NASDTEC Southern Regional Meeting in Nashville on January 29 and 30, at which areas of common concern in teacher certification and preparation were shared. Mike will also attend the NASDTEC Board of Directors meeting in Nashville on February 26 and 27. This meeting will discuss the June national conference as well as upcoming revisions in the NASDTEC Interstate Agreement (which provides a basis for the movement of certifications between states.) The board will be asked to ratify Kentucky's participation in this agreement sometime later this year.

### **Board of Examiner Training**

The on-site team which reviews an institution's educator preparation program on behalf of the EPSB is known as the Board of Examiners (BOE). As stipulated in [16 KAR 5:010](#) the BOE team consists of trained individuals who represent teacher educators, P-12 educators, and state and local policymaker groups.

Periodically, in order to maintain an ample pool of qualified individuals to serve on the BOE, the EPSB must provide BOE training. The Division of Educator Preparation is currently making preparations for a BOE Training this summer. Donna Gollnick will be the NCATE representative conducting the training. Kentucky BOE members will assist Dr. Gollnick with the training.

The training is scheduled for June 17 and 18, 2010. Letters of invitation to attend the training will be mailed in February.

### **Working Conditions Survey**

A state-wide survey of teacher working conditions is getting closer. We are working with KDE to develop specifications that will be used to develop a Request for Proposal (RFP) so that a vendor to conduct the survey may be selected.

### **Ethics Seminar**

The staff of Legal Services will be conducting ethics seminars at the following institutions this month:

February 1 – Kentucky Wesleyan                      February 15 – Brescia  
February 4 – Alice Lloyd                                  February 23 – Campbellsville  
February 9 and 26 – WKU

If you wish to schedule an ethic seminar, please contact Elise Borne in the EPSB Division of Legal Services at [elise.borne@ky.gov](mailto:elise.borne@ky.gov).

### **Meetings, Conferences, Etc**

February 1/2 – Wallace Leading Change Learning Community  
February 2 – House Education Committee meeting  
February 2 – Southeast/South Central Cooperative meeting  
February 2 – Green River Regional Education Cooperative meeting (Frankfort)  
February 2 – Teacher effectiveness committee meeting  
February 3 – Budget Review Subcommittee on Primary and Secondary Education  
February 4 – Senate Education Committee meeting  
February 8 – Redesigned Master’s Degree Review Committee meeting  
February 9 – House Education Committee meeting  
February 10 – KBE meeting  
February 10 – Joint meeting with EPSB, KBE, and CPE  
February 10 – Northern Kentucky Cooperative for Educational Services meeting  
February 11 – Senate Education Committee meeting  
February 12 – Math Achievement Committee meeting  
February 12 – Kentucky Advisory Council on Internships  
February 16 – House Education Committee meeting  
February 16 – EPSB agency-wide meeting  
February 16/17 – MSD faculty workshop  
February 17 – Kentucky Education Development Corporation meeting  
February 17 – Central Kentucky Educational Cooperative meeting  
February 17/23 – American Association of Colleges for Teacher Educators meeting  
February 18 – Senate Education Committee meeting  
February 18 – Ohio Valley Educational Cooperative HR Directors meeting  
February 23 – House Education Committee meeting  
February 24 – Ohio Valley Educational Cooperative meeting  
February 24 – Western Kentucky Education Cooperative meeting  
February 24 – Kentucky Valley Education Cooperative meeting  
February 25 – Senate Education Committee meeting  
February 26 – Committee for the Review of Superintendent Programs meeting  
February 26/27 – NASDTEC regional meeting  
February 27/ March 3 – Accreditation visit Centre College

