

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Education Professional Standards Board
COPY: EPSB Education Partners
EPSB Staff
FROM: Phillip S. Rogers, Executive Director
DATE: January 2, 2010
SUBJECT: January 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

“However beautiful the strategy, you should occasionally look at the results.”

-- Winston Churchill

KET Special “Education Matters”

In early 2010 KET is producing three special programs titled “Education Matters,” hosted by Bill Goodman. President Robert King, Commissioner Terry Holliday, and I will be appearing together on the first special, which is to be aired on January 19th. Additional broadcasts will be on the following dates and times:

- * KET1 - Tuesday, January 19 at 9:00 pm EST
- * KET1 - Thursday, January 21 at 3:00 am EST
- * KETKY - Thursday, January 21 at 2:00 pm EST
- * KETKY - Friday, January 22 at 9:00 am EST

Working Conditions Survey

As you may remember, a state-wide survey of teacher working conditions was an EPSB goal, but due to a constricted budget, the board did not include it in our 2008-2010 goals. I am very pleased to let you know that the working conditions survey has a heartbeat, and I hope to give you news of its full resuscitation in the near future. To learn more about the importance of a high quality survey of teacher working conditions, click here: [New Teacher Center Teaching & Working Conditions Survey](#).

World Languages Summit Meeting

Mike Carr attended the STARTALK Certification Summit in Arlington, VA on December 9-11 to discuss the methods states are using to increase the supply of world language teachers, particularly in the emerging areas of Chinese, Japanese, and Arabic.

The summit was very informative regarding the increasing need for such teachers and ways states may tap into the pool of native speakers as language instructors.

We will use this information to explore ideas on how we can design programs and routes to certification that will increase our supply of world language teachers. All expenses for the summit were covered by a grant from CCSSO, so there was no expense to our agency for this important meeting.

US Department of Education Visit

EPSB was part of the 5-year audit process of the implementation of Highly Qualified Teacher (HQT) regulations on December 1 and 2. KDE hosted the visit under the direction of Michael Dailey. A number of areas were reviewed, most of which fall under the purview of KDE. The EPSB supplies KDE with data for the HQT report, so our staff provided information regarding how the data are collected and how EPSB decisions impact the determination of HQ teachers in Kentucky. At this writing, the final report of the audit team was not available; however, the board will receive at the January EPSB meeting a summary report of any problem areas cited by the US DOE team.

Fall Local Educator Assignment Data (LEAD) report

The EPSB will receive a report on the final fall LEAD statistics during its January meeting. The KDE Commissioner's office was sent the report in November, and the two agencies plan a meeting to discuss any possible action by KDE toward districts with teachers showing "certificate vs. schedule" problems on the report. From its examination of both Infinite Campus and MUNIS data, the final report this year indicates very few problems.

Regulations Update

After approval by the board at its October meeting, amendments to [16 KAR 2:010](#) and [16 KAR 2:120](#), as well as the proposed new regulation [16 KAR 2:200](#), were filed with the LRC regulation compilers office in November. The proposed amendments and new regulation contain the first phase of changes recommended by the [Certification Task Force](#). The amendments to 16 KAR 2:010 will allow educators holding a mathematics certificate for grades 5 through 9 to teach Algebra I in grades 10 and 11; adds endorsements for literacy, reading, and elementary mathematics specialists; and makes improvements to TC-HQ that will allow teachers to expand their certification areas. Beginning July 1, 2011, the board limits the issuance of an emergency teaching certificate in the proposed amendment to 16 KAR 2:120. In 16 KAR 2:200, the board is creating a probationary certificate for English as Second Language.

These regulations were posted for public comment in the December issue of the Administrative Register of Kentucky and will be reviewed by the General Assembly's Administrative Regulation Review Subcommittee this month. If you have any questions about the proposed amendments or new regulation, contact Alicia Sneed at alicia.sneed@ky.gov.

Assessments

Standards Setting Studies (SSS) for the following assessments will be hosted this month:

- *Health and Physical Education: Content Knowledge (0856)*
Representative staff of the higher education institutions and districts, as well as our test review panel members, have requested that an assessment option be available to reduce the number of tests required for those seeking certification in both health and physical education.
- *School Leadership Licensure Assessment (SLLA)-1011*
ETS restructured the SLLA, aligning the assessment to the 2008 Interstate School Leadership Licensure Consortium (ISLLC) standards, adjusting the format, and substantially reducing the length of the assessment.
- *Teaching Reading (0204)*
The purpose of the study is to determine whether (0204) is a valid test for the new Literacy Specialist Endorsement. Should the test be validated, the test will also be an option for those who wish to be deemed highly qualified to teach reading.

Continuing Education Option (CEO)

The CEO pilot sponsor, KEDC, has held one orientation meeting to attract potential candidates to the redesigned CEO program. KEDC will host a second orientation meeting in January. EPSB staff will be meeting with other interested sponsors on January 7 to begin a statewide roll-out of the program.

National Board for Professional Teacher Standards

The pass rates for the 2008-2009 NB candidates were released to candidates on November 19. The results were embargoed for statewide reporting until National Board Certification Day on December 16. There are 226 new NBC teachers for 2008-09, which is 4 less than last year. The new NBC teachers are from 74 different school districts.

Kentucky was awarded a federal subsidy for 2009 – 2010 in the amount of \$500,000.00. The full amount of the subsidy has been applied to NB candidates, and we have requested additional funds.

There are 473 first-time candidates to date for 2009-2010. The deadline for candidates to make application to National Board was December 31, 2009.

Kentucky is ranked 12th in the nation for the number of teachers who hold NBPTS certification.

Central KY Professionals in Personnel Meeting

Mike Carr will be speaking to the Central Kentucky human resources administrators on January 13 in Mercer County. Mike will be briefing the group on the upcoming regulation changes that resulted from the work of the Certification Task Force and were approved by the EPSB in October. Similar presentations have been given already this fall to various groups, and this presentation will be done across the state in many venues before the regulations go into effect this spring.

Cindy Godsey Presents at IC Interchange Conference

Cindy Godsey, an Education Consultant in the Division of Certification, presented at the Infinite Campus Interchange December 9-10. The annual Interchange event is a

customer support and showcase event for district and school-level personnel sponsored by the state's Student Information System, Infinite Campus. Cindy spoke on, "The LEAD Process" both days to provide guidance to districts and schools regarding data quality and error cleanup in the Local Educator Assignment Data (LEAD) report.

National Board Certification for Educational Leaders

The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) announced on December 8 the launch of the National Board Certification for Educational Leaders, which includes the development of National Board Certification for Principals. It will be the first national certification program for school-based administrators.

The principal program mirrors the now 20-year-old advanced-certification program that the NBPTS runs for teachers and defines what skills and characteristics school leaders need to be highly effective. It is the first phase of an expanded umbrella program of National Board Certification for Educational Leaders, which will ultimately include assistant principals and teacher leaders. National Board Certification for Principals is expected to become available in 2011.

For additional information about the National Board Certification for Principals, click here: www.nbpts.org/principals.

Webcast recording: ([view recorded webcast of NBCEL Webcast](#)).

Ethics Seminars

The Division of Legal Services will be conducting an ethics seminar at Jessamine County's Providence School on January 29, 2010. If you wish to schedule an ethics seminar for your school, please contact Elise Borne in Legal Services at elise.borne@ky.gov or 502-564-4606.

First EPSB Chairperson Dies

Dr. Janice (Jan) F. Weaver, 78, Murray, Ky., died Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2009, at Murray-Calloway County Hospital. Dr. Weaver dedicated her life to the field of education. She was elected the first chair of the EPSB during the inaugural meeting of the EPSB on November 26, 1990 and served in that capacity until October 1994.

Isaac Newton said if we see further, it's because we're standing on the shoulders of giants. Dr. Weaver was certainly a "giant" in the field of education and we benefit today from her vision and commitment to education – she will be missed.

EPSB Christmas

ED Prep and Legal Services adopted a local family with a grandmother and 2 children and provided for a very Merry Christmas. The EPSB Executive Office members adopted Salvation Army Angels (children) from the angel tree in Frankfort and provided clothing and toys for 4 children.

Each day I witness the spirit of giving that is evident through the excellent customer service the EPSB employees provide. It is inspiring to see this spirit of giving reaching outside of our office to those in our community who need a helping hand.

EPSB Employees Recognized

EPSB Information Systems Manager Scott Smith, and Internal Policy Analyst III Delores Calhoun both received their 20-year Career Service Certificate last month. I am honored to work alongside Scott and Delores as each day they invest themselves in the important work of the EPSB – Congratulations Scott and Delores.

Meetings, Conferences, Etc

- January 1 – New Year’s Day (EPSB Office closed)
- January 6 – Green River Regional Education Cooperative meeting
- January 7 – Sponsors for Continuing Education Option meeting
- January 11 – EPSB meeting
- January 11 – Meeting with preparation programs regarding the P-20 Data Collaborative
- January 11 – Administrative Regulation Review Subcommittee review of 16 KAR 2:010, 16 KAR 2:120, and 16 KAR 2:200
- January 12 – South East/South Central Education Cooperative meeting
- January 13 – Northern Kentucky Cooperative for Educational Services meeting
- January 15 – Math Achievement Committee meeting
- January 15 – Career and Technical Education Work Group meeting
- January 15 – meeting with directors of Job Corps
- January 18 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (EPSB office closed)
- January 19 – KET “Education Matters” airing at 9:00 EST
- January 19 – Accreditation pre-visit at Centre College
- January 20 – Central Kentucky Education Cooperative meeting
- January 20 – Kentucky Education Development Cooperative meeting
- January 20 – Panel to review School Leaders Licensure Assessment
- January 21 – Committee to Review redesigned Principal Preparation Programs
- January 27 – Ohio Valley Education Cooperative meeting
- January 27 – Western Kentucky Education Cooperative meeting
- January 27 – Kentucky Valley Education Cooperative meeting
- January 28/30 – National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification meeting
- January 29 – Ethics seminar at The Providence School in Jessamine County