

MEMORANDUM

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

“Excellence is doing ordinary things extraordinarily well.”

– John W. Gardner

Building Synergy: The Historic Joint Meeting with KBE and CPE

Once again I want to say thanks to each of you for making the joint meeting such a great success. I also want to say publicly how much I appreciated the inspiring comments of Gov. Beshear, Sen. Ken Winters, and Rep. Carl Rollins III. I think the evening clearly reflected the theme of SB1: the job of ensuring that all Kentucky children are ready for work or college necessitates our working together.

National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE)

I have been asked to serve on a panel at the NASBE National Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C., on March 17, 2010. The three-person panel will address challenges related to large-scale implementation of a cohesive leader development system. My invitation to participate on the panel acknowledged the progress we have made:

“Kentucky’s success in developing a cohesive leader development system, as articulated in the recently released RAND report, offers important lessons for other states scaling efforts. We would like to profile Kentucky as part of a panel presentation on state strategies to establish cohesive educator development systems and conditions to support a culture of instructional practice.”

Governor's Transforming Education in Kentucky Task Force

I attended the first Transforming Education in Kentucky (TEK) meeting at East Jessamine High School on February 2. The task force received its charge from Governor Beshear and then benefited from an engaging panel discussion on the hopes, successes, and disappointments of KERA. A current review of Kentucky’s educational system as captured in Education Week’s [Quality Counts report](#) was presented by the

publisher/editor of [Education Week](#) (and Kentuckian) Ginny Edwards. The day was rounded out with Commissioner Holliday providing a review of Governor Beshear's objectives for the task force.

The task force is expected to meet monthly and provide a report to the governor by November.

KDE Working Conditions Survey

KDE has published a Request for Proposal (RFP) for vendors to develop a survey regarding teacher working conditions. All requests were to have been submitted by March 1. You will remember that this sort of survey was among the EPSB annual goals and objectives, but it was dropped due to lack of funding. Now it should become a reality in the near future. There is not yet a definite timeline for the implementation of the survey since the RFP process has just begun. It is likely that an EPSB staff member will serve on the RFP review team later this spring.

Teachers (even new) as Leaders

In 2006 when the EPSB included leadership as one of Kentucky's teaching standards we had questions about the practicality of having teacher candidates address leadership as part of their preservice preparation. All of our programs now include leadership within and seems very natural to us but it seems those outside of Kentucky now see the value in addressing leadership early on in a teacher's preparation.

+ [Creating Young Teacher Leaders](#)

National Board for Professional Teaching Standards

The EPSB will host a recognition ceremony on March 2, 2010, for the 227 new Kentucky National Board Certified Teachers, Class of 2009. Gov. Beshear has signed a proclamation declaring March 2, 2010, as National Board Teacher Day. The day will consist of a reception and recognition of the honorees by both chambers of the General Assembly.

We would like to extend a special word of appreciation to the Kentucky Association of National Board Certified Teachers (KANBCT), Kentucky Association of Professional Educators (KAPE), Kentucky Education Association, and Western Kentucky University for their financial contributions to support this event.

Kentucky Association of Colleges of Teacher Education Spring Conference (KACTE)

The spring KACTE conference will feature representatives from the key contractor for the U.S. Department of Education, WESTAT. WESTAT representatives, along with a representative from the Educational Testing Service (ETS), will present a work session covering the Title II Report on Thursday afternoon, March 4.

Carrie Murphy from WESTAT will present information on the new Title II Report form, and Sharen Virgin from ETS will respond to questions concerning Praxis score reporting changes. There will be a Q & A afterwards so IHEs will be able to have their questions addressed.

Update: Committee to Review Admissions and Clinical Experiences (CRACE)

The committee met February 3rd and immediately addressed the admission standards and basic skill testing currently in place. Various instruments that measure teacher dispositions were also discussed with members requesting copies for review at the next meeting. The members want to know how cut scores are determined and how Kentucky ranks when measured against other states using similar assessments for admission. Members of the committee have contributed a number of articles and reports requested by committee members, and the staff is working with the Southern Regional Education Board to secure data from other states.

The committee is scheduled to meet again on March 8.

Springtime is HQ Report Time

Districts should complete their spring LEAD submissions by March 1. This process is an abbreviated version of the fall report to ensure that new personnel are in the Infinite Campus system as well as to make other minor changes needed for spring semester.

The LEAD data will be collected and sent out to school principals in March so that they may complete the required Highly Qualified Teacher reports by March 31. The data are then sent to KDE and will become the basis for the 2009-10 KY HQT data report sent to the U.S. Department of Education in late spring.

National Center for Alternative Certification Meeting: March 25-27

EPSB has been represented at this meeting for the past six years as it is one of the premier meetings regarding how alternative certification paths are evolving around the country. The meeting offers opportunities to exchange views and ideas with colleagues, alternative route providers, federal policymakers, and others interested in supporting alternative routes to teacher certification. This year former Kentucky Commissioner of Education Gene Wilhoit and former EPSB Chair Jim Cibulka will be on the program, along with a number of other nationally recognized educators.

Regulations Update

Amendments to [16 KAR 2:010](#) Kentucky teaching certificates and [16 KAR 2:120](#) Emergency certification and out of field teaching and [16 KAR 2:200](#): Probationary Endorsement for teachers of English as Second Language, a newly promulgated regulation, are scheduled to become effective this month.

These amendments and the new regulation were approved by the EPSB at its October meeting. Mike Carr will be providing more information regarding the certification changes in upcoming correspondence and during meetings with school personnel this summer.

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 of world languages.

Upcoming Accreditation Visits:

Centre College (March 1 thru 3) and Union College (March 20 thru 24)

Update on Confirmations

During its February 16th meeting the House Education Committee approved the resolutions to confirm Cassandra Webb, Lorraine Williams, Zenaida Smith, and Rebecca Sagan. The resolutions were approved by the House on Wednesday, February 24, 2010.

Due to scheduling conflicts the confirmation resolutions for Mark Wasicsko and Cathy Gunn are currently set for Tuesday, March 16.

Cassandra Webb – [HR 97](#)

Mark Wasicsko – [HR 103](#)

Rebecca Sagan – [HR 104](#)

Lorraine Williams – [HR 105](#)

Zenaida Smith – [HR 106](#)

Cathy Gunn – [HR 107](#)

Continuing Education Option (CEO) Coaches Training

The EPSB hosted its first CEO Coaches Training on Saturday, February 20. The participants included original coaches, new coaches, and CEO sponsor coordinators. EPSB has received applications from four sponsors to roll-out the new CEO program: Kentucky Educational Development Corporation (KEDC), Central Kentucky Education Cooperative (CKEC), Green River Regional Educational Cooperative (GRREC), and Jessamine County School District.

Assessment

On March 2 the Educational Testing Service (ETS) plans to facilitate a review of the Praxis II (0304) *Reading Specialist* test at the EPSB office in Frankfort. The purpose of the review is to determine whether to move forward with a Standard Setting Study (SSS) toward possible adoption of the test as a requirement for the new Literacy Specialist endorsement. Kentucky higher education faculty and currently practicing teachers will be performing the review.

Kentucky higher education faculty and currently practicing special education teachers are represented in the multi-state SSSs for the newly developed Praxis II special education tests. On March 2 and 3, ETS plans to facilitate a Kentucky-specific review of these newly developed tests: (0354) *Special Education: Core Knowledge*, (0545) *Special Education: Core Knowledge and Severe to Profound Disabilities*, and (0543) *Special Education: Core Knowledge and Mild to Moderate Disabilities* tests at the EPSB office in Frankfort. Higher education faculty from eight Kentucky colleges/universities, as well as practitioners from all over the state, will be performing the review.

Ethics Seminars

Alicia Sneed will be conducting an Ethics Seminar at Centre College on March 3, 2010 at 4:30 p.m.

Ethics Seminars provided by the Division of Legal Services review the Kentucky Code of Ethics for Certified Personnel and the EPSB's disciplinary process for both pre-service

and practicing educators. To schedule an ethics seminar for a school, class, or institution, please contact Elise Borne at elise.borne@ky.gov.

Meetings, Conferences, Etc

March 1 – Regular EPSB meeting

March 2 – House Education Committee meeting

March 2 – Recognition of National Board Certified Teachers at the capitol

March 4 – World Language Summit

March 4 – Senate Education Committee meeting

March 5 – EPSB Bowl-for-Kids-Sake for Big Brothers and Big Sisters

March 9 – House Education Committee meeting

March 9 – Governor’s Transforming Education in Kentucky Task Force meeting

March 11 – Senate Education Committee meeting