

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Education Professional Standards Board
COPY: EPSB Education Partners
EPSB Staff
FROM: Phillip S. Rogers, Executive Director
DATE: April 2, 2009
SUBJECT: April 2009 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

“Life’s not about waiting for the storms to pass...it’s about learning to dance in the rain.”

-- Vivian Greene

Regulations Update:

On March 6, 2009, staff filed the amendments for [16 KAR 5:010](#) approved by the Board at the March 2, 2009 meeting. The only substantial proposed change to the regulation is to shift responsibility for payment of the out-of-pocket expenses of State Board of Examiner team members to the institutions as it is already for NCATE Board of Examiner team members.

The regulation will be published in the April edition of the Administrative Register of Kentucky for public comment. A public hearing on the regulation is scheduled for April 27, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room A of the EPSB offices. The hearing will be canceled if the EPSB does not receive written notification five workdays prior to the hearing from parties intending to attend. Public comments regarding the regulation will be accepted until April 30, 2009.

The amendments to the EPSB’s testing regulation, [16 KAR 6:010](#), will become effective on April 3, 2009.

Spring LEAD Reports Completed; HQ Teacher Reports Wrapping Up

Despite delays due to the weather in many parts of the state, along with some problems with Infinite Campus, all districts signed off on their spring LEAD reports as of March 27. The updated data are used by each of the state’s school principals to complete the annual Highly Qualified Teacher report during March. The HQT report deadline was extended until April 3 this year, and every effort is being made to get the reports completed by that date. Usually, there is some “clean-up” necessary by EPSB staff in these data, but it is hoped that the final reports can be sent to the KDE staff by mid-April. The data are reported to the public next summer as part of each school’s profile, and all teachers not deemed “highly qualified” under the federal definition are identified.

New Teacher Events

Each spring Mike Carr attends the two major spring “job fairs” for the state’s beginning teachers to answer questions posed by new teachers regarding the filing of their applications and other questions surrounding the functions of the EPSB. This year he attended the Kentucky Teacher Network event on March 17 at ECU and spoke to about 50 new teachers. This event hosted UK, ECU, and K-State graduates along with some teachers from outside Kentucky. Mr. Carr also plans to attend the WKU/GRREC Teacher Fair on April 24.

Kentucky Educators Can Now Pay Certification Fees Online

Kentucky teachers and administrators have anytime, anywhere access to online resources for certification applications, renewals, rank change, and now online payments with the addition of the new Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) “E-Pay” electronic payment service.

EPSB’s E-Pay will help streamline and simplify the certification fee payment process, which formerly could only be handled with a certified cashier’s check or money order. The new E-Pay service, located at www.kyepsb.net, began on April 1. Tutorials are available for those new to the EPSB website. Visit the new service at www.kyepsb.net and follow the link.

New Teacher Survey

Members of the KACTE group are currently reviewing a draft of the revised New Teacher Survey (NTS). The revised NTS is aligned more directly to the Kentucky Teacher Standards than the old survey was. The survey allows the EPSB to provide perception data to educator preparation programs from interns, student teachers, resource teachers, and cooperating teachers concerning how well the new teacher was prepared to instruct in the classroom based on those standards. Field test items have also been included in an effort to gather data for portions of the Higher Education Opportunity Act reauthorization. Conversations are being held concerning the development of a separate survey instrument by which to obtain administrator level information concerning the preparedness of new teachers. Suggestions and comments should be forwarded to Jaime.rice@ky.gov by April 3.

KTIP Training

Based on the recommendations of the Kentucky Advisory Council for Internship (KACI), the KTIP Task Force, the Office of Career and Technical Education (CTE), and beginning teacher committee members, a revised KTIP training module is being developed. University, district, KEA, KDE, CTE, and EPSB staff have been meeting to design a module that will allow all the committee members to have a deeper understanding of the intricacies of the Teacher Performance Assessment while improving mentoring strategies. A revised Train-the-Trainer module is being designed with the hopes of expanding to more district level training. All university and district staff providing KTIP training for 2009-2010 would be required to attend the Train-the-Trainers session. Any new member of a beginning teacher committee will also be required to attend these sessions. Those trained with the current TPA model will not be mandated to attend the training.

Redesigned SLA

The Educational Testing Service (ETS) has redesigned the School Leadership Licensure Assessment (SLA). The test is tied directly to the 2008 Interstate School Leadership Licensure Consortium (ISLLC) standards, and the time required for the test has been reduced from six hours to four hours. The format has also changed from 25 constructed response items to 100

multiple choice items and seven constructed response items, and the cost has been reduced from \$430.00 to \$350.00.

EPSB staff held a review of the test in January. ETS will be facilitating two multi-state Standard Setting Studies (SSS) this spring. Participants will review the assessment, provide independent judgments, and engage in panel-wide discussions as each panel considers the minimum score for one to be considered qualified to enter the school leadership profession. After the two panels meet, each state will ultimately decide for itself the passing score requirement to be applied for licensure in that state. ETS has informed states that we will be provided adequate time to transition to the new test. Kentucky participants for the multi-state studies are listed below.

April 21 & 22, 2009

Robert Lyons- Assoc. Professor, Murray State University
Schuronda Morton - Principal, Ashland Elementary School

May 12 & 13, 2009

Debbi Lindsey - Principal, Caverna High School
Stephen Spangler - Principal, Middlesboro Middle School

ETS National Advisory Committee

Periodically ETS hosts National Advisory Committees (NAC) for various tests to ensure that test content is current. Some of the content areas tentatively scheduled for upcoming NAC meetings are as follows:

Biology	Chemistry
Earth Space Science	Early Childhood Education
Environmental Education	Health Education
Latin	Physics
Psychology	Sociology

If you would like to nominate practicing classroom teachers and/or any teacher educators in one or more of the areas above to serve on a National Advisory Committee, you may contact Jaime.rice@ky.gov. The teachers should have no more than ten years of teaching experience, and the teacher educators should be currently teaching prospective teachers.

EPSB Staff to Present at HBCU-ETS National Conference

Marilyn Troupe and Robert Brown will be presenting at a conference hosted by the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) and the Educational Testing Service (ETS). Meeting at KSU, the HBCU-ETS National Conference represents a collaborative effort between the two entities to enhance understanding and performance of students on assessments related to student performance. The conference will focus on teacher certification testing solutions with higher education, teacher education personnel, and faculty from several states throughout the southeast. Marilyn's presentation will focus on alternative routes to certification, preparation for Praxis II examinations, and an overview of the state's credentialing process. Robert will present on the process and benefits of KTIP.

Teacher Ethics Seminar

School districts, education cooperatives, and teacher preparation programs that are interested in having an EPSB attorney present an ethics seminar, please contact Elise Borne in the EPSB's Division of Legal Services, 502-564-4606 or elise.borne@ky.gov.

2009 March of Dimes- March for Babies

Did you know that the March of Dimes is inspired by all babies – those who are born healthy *and* those who need help to survive and thrive? Each year the EPSB joins all of state government in raising funds to support the March of Dimes. In addition to sponsoring several events during the month of April, the EPSB team will participate in the March for Babies Walk on April 17 at the Capitol. Anyone interested in joining the EPSB staff in making a difference in the world through volunteerism, please visit the EPSB March of Dimes team website at <http://www.marchforbabies.org/551766>.

Published Author

We are very proud of Robert Brown whose new children's book has just been released by Publish America. Based on his experience gardening with his sons when they were young, *Daddy Grows Colors* was both written and illustrated by Robert. It will soon be available in bookstores and on Amazon.com.

Meetings, Conferences, Etc.

- April 1 – KBE meeting
- April 7/9 – Marilyn and Robert presenting at KSU/ETS Conference for HBCU's "Improving Student Achievement and Teaching Quality"
- April 7 – Education Coalition meeting
- April 8 – NKCES meeting
- April 9 – EPSB Chili Dog lunch for March of Dimes
- April 10 – Good Friday holiday (EPSB office closed half day)
- April 14 – SE/SC meeting
- April 15 – KEDC meeting
- April 15 – CKEC meeting
- April 15 – Technical assistance visit to St. Catherine's College
- April 16 – ELDC meeting
- April 16 – EPSB leadership team meeting
- April 17 – Reading Committee meeting
- April 17 – EPSB participating in state government Walk for Babies
- April 18/23 – Marilyn at NCATE UAB meeting in San Antonio, TX
- April 22 – WKEC meeting
- April 24 – WKU job fair
- April 29 – OVEC meeting
- April 30 – EPSB leadership team meeting
- April 30 – Gifted and Talented Advisory Council meeting