

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** The Education Professional Standards Board  
**COPY:** EPSB Education Partners  
EPSB Staff  
**FROM:** Phillip S. Rogers, Executive Director  
**DATE:** May 1, 2009  
**SUBJECT:** May 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

“Students we want the least need us the most.” – Todd Whitaker

### Gov. Beshear Appoints Rebecca S. Sagan to EPSB

Rebecca S. Sagan, of Lexington, is chair of the Fayette County Board of Education and will represent local boards of education on the EPSB. Replacing Rebecca S. Goss, who resigned, Becky shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term, ending Sept. 18, 2010.

Welcome, Becky!

BTW: Some of you may remember Becky’s father-in-law, Dr. Edgar Sagan, who is an emeritus faculty member at UK and former Dean of the UK College of Education.

### KTIP Train-the-Trainers

On May 14 the Division of Professional Learning and Assessment will host a Train-the-Trainers session for all 2009-2010 KTIP university trainers. This new training option will improve efficiency as well as flexibility and accessibility to training for KTIP committee members.

District, university, KEA, educational cooperative, KDE, and EPSB staffs have collaborated to create a training model that will better assist beginning teacher committee members in providing support and mentoring for the intern. The training model has been piloted with a group of sixty-five principals and was very well received.

University trainers and EPSB staff will also be working with districts to expand the Train-the-Trainers model to include more district level participants. This will provide much-needed training opportunities, as well as allow for more collaboration between the district staff and higher education faculty.

### National Board for Professional Teaching Standards

The National Board office in Washington has announced that Kentucky will receive \$500,000 in initial federal subsidies for 2009-2010, an increase from the initial \$305,873 awarded in 2008-

2009. Teresa Moore, EPSB Program Manager, submitted several additional subsidy requests for 2008/09, resulting in a total of \$510,000 for our National Board teachers.

National Board candidates for 2008 -2009:

Total First Time Candidates: 365

Total Retake Candidates: 131

Total 08-09 Candidates: 496

### **EPSB Staff to Attend INTASC and SCEL Meetings**

On May 6-8 Marilyn Troupe will attend a joint meeting of the Interstate New Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium (INTASC) and the State Consortium on Education Leadership (SCEL). States will receive an update on the Title II section of the Higher Education Opportunity Act from the Project Director at Westat as well as the legislative update. There will also be a discussion on the Teacher Leader Work by INTASC and SCEL.

### **ETS Meeting on Standards for Teacher Leaders**

On May 3-5 I will be attending a meeting convened by the Education Testing Service (ETS) to explore the development of a set of national standards for teacher leaders. ETS has been working with a small group for the last 18 months and is now ready to bring a few state agencies into the conversation. Given our extensive work in teacher leadership, I look forward to sharing what we have learned, but the real value of this meeting will be in learning from others who also believe in the value of teacher leaders for improving student achievement.

### **Regulations Update**

The Administrative Regulation Review Subcommittee (ARRS) will review the proposed amendments to 16 KAR 5:010 on May 12, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. The meeting will be in Room 149 of the Capitol Annex in Frankfort. The EPSB approved the proposed amendments to [16 KAR 5:010](#) at its March 2, 2009 meeting.

### **EPSB Welcomes NCATE to Kentucky**

I have the honor of welcoming the attendees to the annual National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) Partnership Clinic, meeting in Louisville this year on May 20-22. During the 2009 NCATE Partnership Clinic, state partners and specialized professional associations will discuss the new streamlining measures being proposed by the NCATE Executive Committee. These recommendations will have direct implications for the accreditation process we use in Kentucky...stay tuned.

### **9th Annual CPE Conference on Scholarship of Teaching and Learning**

On May 20-21 the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) will host the Conference on Scholarship of Teaching and Learning. The 2009 theme will be Creating Prepared Learners. The Kentucky Conference on the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning has merged with the Teacher Quality Summit to offer college faculty and administrators a forum to examine topics related to K-12, adult, and postsecondary education.

The 9th annual conference is jointly sponsored by the Council on Postsecondary Education, Kentucky's public postsecondary institutions, and the Kentucky Association of Colleges for Teacher Education. Presentations, panel discussions, and poster sessions will provide conference

participants the opportunity to discuss the scholarship of teaching and learning and to share innovative instructional techniques and technologies. Upon completion of the conference, participants will understand major trends in the redesign of education, become aware of key issues facing Kentucky educators, and network with other Kentucky faculty members.

### **New Dean at NKU**

Dr. Mark Wasicsko is the new Dean at Northern Kentucky University's College of Education and Human Services. Please join me in welcoming Mark to his new position.

### **Special Education IHE Provider Meeting**

Mike Carr will meet with this group of teacher educators on May 1 in Frankfort. He will discuss the proposed recommendations of the Certification Task Force and how they may impact the certification of special education teachers. He will also field questions from the group on certification and Highly Qualified Teacher issues and take comments on the proposals of the CTF.

### **SREB Leadership Forum**

Debbie Daniels and I have been asked to present on the redesign of Kentucky's principal preparation programs to those attending the annual Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) Leadership Forum in Atlanta. I look forward to sharing the positive partnership between KDE and EPSB that has resulted in a model for the redesign of principal preparation programs.

### **Highly Qualified Teacher Reports**

All individual school reports on the HQ status of the Commonwealth's teachers were finalized on April 16. Compiled annually in the spring by school principals, this report is based on the LEAD data received by EPSB in January and February. The reports from schools were delayed by approximately two weeks due to external issues such as inclement weather this winter and some conversion problems with the Infinite Campus system, but now all data will be sent to KDE for its report to the U.S. Department of Education this spring. EPSB should have the final HQ numbers posted to our website in early May. [Click here](#) to find the HQ Reports page.

### **New Web Page Features Improve Efficiency**

The improvements noted in last month's update memo are going smoothly. Users can now pay all certification fees electronically, and we have seen strong usage of this system in the early weeks of implementation.

The conversion from written and mailed notification regarding certification application information is also working well; the new e-mail notifications are speeding the time in which cases may be completed. A big "thanks" goes to Vicky Upchurch in the Division of Certification, who has been charged with inputting new e-mail addresses for all applications received. This is quite a task, and I appreciate her willingness to take on this additional responsibility.

The front page of the EPSB website ([www.kyepsb.net](http://www.kyepsb.net)) has also undergone some changes with visual improvements designed to help users complete and review their certification application status via new graphics and banners. It is hoped that this will help divert some phone calls during the summer rush by encouraging users to check the website to view certification status and pay fees.

## **OVEC HR Meeting**

Mike Carr and Troops to Teachers coordinator Wayne Eccles will meet on May 6 with the OVEC human resources directors to explain the TTT program and ways it can assist districts in finding new teachers. OVEC districts could be the beneficiary of many of these candidates due to their proximity to Fort Knox. It is believed that many more TTT candidates will be available from the Fort Knox area as the base undergoes significant growth under the new relocation and realignment process there, which should bring many new people to Hardin and the surrounding counties.

## **Kentucky Teacher Article**

The April edition of [Kentucky Teacher](#) includes a helpful article (on page 13) titled, "Educators need to be aware of certification expiration." Written by Mike Carr, the article provides Kentucky educators with tips and reminders to help expedite renewal of a certificate or rank change. Because the newspaper is mailed to all current state teachers, it will inform them of many helpful tips to avoid last minute problems when faced with expiring credentials.

BTW: On page 13 you will also see a great photo of Governor Beshear addressing the new NBPTS teachers during our recent NBPTS recognition day.

## **EPSB E-Pay**

Don't forget to check-out the new "E-Pay" electronic payment service online at EPSB. The launch of EPSB E-Pay has been very successful. It should streamline and simplify the certification fee payment process, which formerly could only be handled with a certified cashier's check or money order. Visit the new service at [www.kyepsb.net](http://www.kyepsb.net) and follow the link.

## **2009 March of Dimes- March For Babies**

Once again, the EPSB March of Dimes- March for Babies 2009 campaign was a success. This year's campaign started with the popular March Madness fundraiser and raised \$73.00 in that event. Just last week we wrapped up the fundraising with the EPSB Mile of Dimes competition, which raised \$248.00. Certification raised \$181.00 with the now famous chili-dog luncheon. The Legal team raised more than \$140.00 with an amazing Baking for Babies bake sale, and the entire staff also raised funds with Blue Jeans for Babies dress down days. In addition to the grand total of \$750.31 raised for the campaign, 6 walkers represented EPSB on March 17 at the Kentucky Employees Walk during their lunch hour at the Capitol grounds.

## **EPSB joins the Governor's Derby Food Drive**

Annually Gov. Steve Beshear and First Lady Jane Beshear hold a Governor's Derby Food Drive to help restock the pantries of several area food banks. They have partnered with Access Soup Kitchen in Frankfort, God's Pantry, and Dare to Care in Louisville for the food drive to help restock the pantries for these community service organizations. All donations will be divided among the three food banks. EPSB will also collect non-perishable food items to contribute to the drive. Items will be taken to the Capitol on Friday, May 2, after our agency-wide staff meeting.

*I continue to be inspired by the wonderful generosity and willingness to help that the EPSB employees demonstrate year after year. In an environment of constricting budgets and staff reductions, the culture of compassion and benevolence remains. I am proud to be a part of this team.*

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

- May 1/3 – ETS meeting on national teacher leader standards
- May 1 – EPSB spring staff meeting and Derby brunch
- May 5 – SE/SC meeting
- May 6 – GRREC meeting
- May 6 – OVEC human resources meeting
- May 7/8 – SREB annual leadership forum
- May 12 – Technical accreditation visit to JCPS ACES program
- May 13 – NKCES meeting
- May 14 – KTIP train-the-trainers session at EPSB
- May 17 – EPSB Sunday evening study session
- May 18 – EPSB regular meeting
- May 19 – Leadership meeting
- May 19/22 – NCATE State Partnership Clinic
- May 20 – Collaborative Center for Literacy Development Advisory Committee
- May 21/22 – KACTE spring meeting
- May 22 – KSBA state and federal law update conference
- May 25 – Memorial Day, EPSB Office closed
- May 27 – OVEC meeting
- May 27 – WKEC meeting
- May 30/June 3 – NASDTEC annual meeting