

MEMORANDUM

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

“No one ever got to be a better teacher who wasn’t working on being a better person.”

-- Noah benShea

Kentucky Teacher Internship Program

As of today nine new teachers have been denied participation in KTIP due to budget constraints.

We currently have a total of 2,509.50 full-time equivalent interns, including 107.50 career and technical education interns who were funded by the Office of Career and Technical Education (CTE).

PLEASE NOTE: As amended in [16 KAR 7:010](#) resource teachers may now serve two (2) interns. A total of 140 resource teachers have agreed to mentor two interns. The resource teacher is eligible to receive a stipend for each intern.

Regulations Update

Amendments to [16 KAR 7:010](#), the Kentucky Teacher Internship Regulation, were presented to the Administrative Regulation Review Committee on October 13. The regulation may be presented this month to the Interim Joint Education Committee, and if so, it will become effective at the conclusion of that meeting. If not, the regulation will be effective in early December.

Keeping up with the Commissioner

Our new commissioner has been on the go ever since he came to Kentucky. Dr. Holliday does, however, make it easy to keep up with him. Using RSS technology (Rich Site Summary or Really Simple Syndication), you can receive updates on a variety of topics, including KDE press releases, the commissioner’s blog, and his messages to superintendents. It is easy to subscribe. Go to this link: [RSS Feeds](#) ; the directions for subscribing are very clear. When the web pages change, you will be notified by email.

US DOE Visit

Every five years the U.S. Department of Education visits states to monitor compliance with the Highly Qualified Teacher requirements and other federal funding issues. Michael Dailey from KDE will be coordinating the Kentucky visit scheduled for December 1 and 2. EPSB staff will participate in the visit, responding to questions regarding our data collection process for HQ teachers in the state. Staff is currently working on the preliminary questionnaire from the DOE, which will be reviewed by that group prior to the visit. As with most audit situations, it is likely that the DOE will suggest some refinements to our system. We will update you on any such suggestions after the visit. The Board's action at the October meeting to limit the issuance of emergency certificates will be positively received by the DOE, as that was a suggestion during the group's last visit.

Continuing Education Option (CEO)

Regulation [16 KAR 8:030](#) for the revised CEO program has been approved by LRC. EPSB staff members are collaborating with Donetta Trimble and Stan Riggs of KEDC to pilot the new version of the CEO with a small cohort of candidates this fall. Sylvia Carter, a CEO completer and National Board Certified Teacher, has agreed to mentor this cohort.

We plan on opening the CEO to other interested sponsors in the spring of 2010. We want to thank the CEO Task Force, universities, coops, and content experts who have worked diligently to help reinstate this rigorous program for rank change

LEAD Update

The LEAD report is moving along very well despite the late start for districts. LEAD coordinators have been diligent in uploading district data, and as of October 21, only 15 districts have not attempted an upload, with only a couple of districts having technical issues that still need to be resolved. Fifteen districts have already signed off on their reports, and eight districts are already 100% cleared on all data from both Infinite Campus and MUNIS. The deadline for districts to sign off is November 5, so there is much work ahead, but good progress is being made.

OVEC Aspiring Principals Group

OVEC has been working in conjunction with the University of Louisville to develop new principal candidates during the past months. As a part of the cadre's preparation, OVEC has called upon a variety of practitioners to work with the group on specialized topics of interest. Mike Carr will fulfill that role with the group on November 16 in Shelbyville as he speaks to the cadre about the basics of certification and issues that must be considered when hiring new teachers.

Professional Practices Institute

Alicia Sneed, Gary Stephens, Cynthia Grohmann, and Courtney Baxter attended the NASDTEC Professional Practices Institute. The annual conference is an opportunity for our attorneys to learn the newest investigative techniques for teacher disciplinary cases and discuss legal issues with attorneys from other states that practice in the same field.

This year's conference featured presentations from practicing attorneys, teacher educators, and school district administrators.

Southern Association of College and Schools (SACS)

SACS has invited Robert Brown of the Division of Professional Learning and Assessment to serve as an accreditation chair. Having successfully completed his national chair training, he will lead an accreditation team at Meadow View Elementary School in Hardin County on November 4 and 5.

Presentation of Teacher Ethics

Dr. Rosa Weaver, a former EPSB member and chair and current faculty member at NKU, and Alicia Sneed presented a session on the need for ethics training at the pre-service level and for practicing educators at the Educational Law Association annual conference in Louisville on October 22. The presentation focused on Dr. Weaver's and the EPSB's Division of Legal Services efforts to conduct ethics seminars for student teachers, pre-service candidates, and practicing educators as well as the EPSB's efforts to remediate educators who have committed misconduct with specified professional development and training. The conference also included a symposium on the 20th anniversary of the Kentucky Supreme Court case that led to the creation of the Kentucky Education Reform Act. Attendees at the conference were from all over the United States.

Southern Association Conference

Mike Carr will conduct a session at the SACS Leadership Conference in Paducah on November 6. The sessions presented throughout the day will highlight the recent recommendations and new regulations resulting from the work of the Certification Task Force. There will also be a Q & A session during the session. SACS will also present a similar conference later this year in Lexington, and Mike will be speaking on these changes at that meeting as well.

Ethics Seminars

To schedule an ethics seminar for your students or practicing educators, please contact Elise Borne at elise.borne@ky.gov.

Congratulations to Katie Morgan, Esq.

Katie Morgan, one of our contract employees working on disciplinary cases in the Legal Division, was sworn in as an attorney in Kentucky on Friday, October 23.

Congratulations, Katie!

Kentucky Employee Charitable Campaign (KECC) Success!

Once again the EPSB agency employees have led the way in per capita giving to the KECC! This year we raised \$6,214, which amounts to \$193.23 of per capita giving for the 2009 campaign. To put this in perspective, our average per person giving is 3 times what other state agencies give.

I am reminded how blessed I am to have the opportunity to work alongside such great people. I appreciate each person who made this campaign a success through a cash gift,

payroll deduction, late night cooking for events, and the many donated items – you are making a difference.

Meetings, Conferences, Etc

- November 2 – SB1 Steering Committee meeting
- November 3 – South Central/South Eastern Educational Cooperative meeting
- November 4 – Green River Regional Educational Cooperative meeting
- November 5 – District LEAD reports due
- November 5/6 – Principal Redesign meeting at Lake Cumberland
- November 2/4 – Educational Testing Service Teacher Leader Workgroup
- November 5/7 – KY Association of Colleges for Teacher Education fall retreat
- November 9 – Interim Joint Committee on Education meeting
- November 10 – EPSB Program Review Reading Committee meeting
- November 11 – Veterans Day (EPSB Office closed)
- November 11 – Northern Kentucky Cooperative for Educational Services meeting
- November 12 – Leadership meeting
- November 13 – Kentucky Advisory Council on Internships meeting
- November 13 – Math Achievement Committee meeting
- November 13 – Kentucky Association of Blacks in Higher Education regional meeting
- November 16 – Master’s program review committee meeting
- November 18 – Central Kentucky Educational Cooperative meeting
- November 18 – Race to the Top Advisory Committee meeting
- November 18 – Kentucky Educational Development Corporation meeting
- November 18 – Ohio Valley Educational Cooperative meeting
- November 24 – Leadership meeting
- November 24 – EPSB agency-wide staff meeting and holiday luncheon
- November 26/27 – Thanksgiving holiday (EPSB office closed)