

MEMORANDUM

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

“Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success.” – Henry Ford

Governor Reappoints Three EPSB Members

I have been notified by the Governor’s Office for Boards and Commissions that Dr. Cathy Gunn, Zenaida Smith, and Lorraine Williams have been reappointed to another four-year term on the EPSB. All three must be ratified by the General Assembly during the 2010 legislative session.

Please join me in congratulating Cathy, Zenaida and Lorraine on their reappointment.

Joint Meeting with KBE and CPE

Please hold the dates of January 31st and February 1st as possible dates for a joint meeting with the Kentucky Board of Education and the Council on Postsecondary Education. The purpose of the meeting will be to approve the recommendation of the committees reviewing the math and English Common Core State Standards. As you know, SB1 has directed CPE and KDE to collaborate on the development of new state standards, and the EPSB has the responsibility to make sure all preparation programs implement the new standards.

Local Educator Assignment Data (LEAD) Report Delayed

Due to problems with getting the new updates completed by Infinite Campus, the LEAD reporting period did not open for district uploads until Monday, September 21. This is six weeks later than planned. Because of this, EPSB staff is extending the deadline until November 5 for districts to have all reports signed off for EPSB. (The original date was October 23.)

This compressed time period cuts the districts’ work time on this report nearly in half and will give the EPSB LEAD Team just a few days to “clean” the data and send a report to

KDE by the statutory deadline of November 15. At this point, staff plans to send a preliminary report, then continue to work with any data problems until a meeting with the KDE staff is scheduled, likely in early December, to review the final report.

Panelist at National Wallace Conference

On Thursday, October 15, I will join Alan J. Ingram, Superintendent, Springfield Public Schools, MA; Bradley S. Portin, Associate Professor, Education Leadership and Policy Studies, College of Education, University of Washington, Seattle; and Deborah Lantaigne, Principal, White Street School, Springfield, MA as panelists to discuss the role of principal leadership. The breakout session is part of the national Wallace Conference on school leadership and is titled, "An emerging perspective: The principal as leader of leaders."

The invitation to serve on this panel comes as a result of the Board's work to redesign Kentucky's principal preparation programs and our master's programs to focus on the development of highly skilled principal leaders who manage a faculty of highly skilled teacher leaders.

Update on KTIP Enrollments

Currently our Internship Management System documents that we have 2,112 new teachers enrolled in KTIP for the 09-10 school year. Of the new teachers who were denied access to KTIP last year due to budget constraints, 88% of the 208 have been employed by a district and enrolled in KTIP.

BTW: Of the 2,112 new teachers currently enrolled in KTIP, 470 (23%) have entered the teaching profession through an alternative route.

Additional Funding for KY Teachers Seeking NBPTS Certification

This year (09-10) Kentucky has been awarded a \$500,000 federal subsidy to support NBC candidates. Although the EPSB will not receive the funds directly, the funds have been set aside by the NBPTS to support eligible Kentucky teachers who are seeking NBPTS certification.

For more information please contact Teresa Moore at teresam.moore@ky.gov.

Update on NBPTS Candidates

Currently there are 437 first-time NBPTS candidates in Kentucky.

A total of 493 candidates, including those who were retaking assessments, participated in the NB process last year (08-09) year. From this total 476 candidates submitted their portfolios in April 2009 for scoring. The scores will be released in December 2009.

EPSB Rush Season Winds Down

Things are returning to normal in the certification division after another busy summer. All certificates and rank changes were processed in a timely fashion, and interim employees have been furloughed again until next year. From the period May 1-September 15, 2009, just over 16,000 applications were received for processing by the division. During this time period, approximately 25,000 separate credentials were

created or edited for candidates. This number represents a slight increase from the same time period in 2008.

First Redesigned Principal Prep Programs to be Reviewed

The members of the Principal Review Committee will meet in Frankfort on October 14 to begin reviewing redesigned principal preparation programs. The timeline for submission began May 31, 2009, and approved proposals may become operational January 1, 2010.

Institutions have two years to submit redesigned principal proposals for committee review and board approval. All existing principal preparation programs will sunset December 31, 2011.

Program Guidelines and Evaluation Form can be located on the EPSB website:

www.epsb.ky.gov/teacherprep/prinredesignguidelines.asp

BTW: At the October EPSB meeting you will receive a comprehensive update regarding the ongoing work of redesigning principal preparation programs.

2008-09 Exit Report Update

Thanks to the collaborative work of Jaime Rice and Anthony Campbell, the Title II Exit Report was submitted to ETS by the September 21 due date. All higher education institutions had an opportunity to review candidate lists and make necessary adjustments to the report. We will send the IHEs a reminder about the next steps for reviewing and correcting candidate data on the ETS website. All IHEs have from October 9 until December 11, 2009 to resolve any data issues.

2007-08 Title II Report Submitted

The Title II Higher Education ACT: Quality of Teacher Preparation Kentucky Report for 2007-2008 received Board review and approval September 14, 2009. The report was submitted through the U.S. Department of Education web application on September 29, 2009.

BTW: Thanks to Anthony Campbell for a job well done.

EPSB Receives Gift

A group of old certificates has been sent to us by a kind woman from the Central Florida area, who found the original documents among the belongings of her grandparents. The teaching certificates range from the mid-1890's until around 1910 and date back to when these certificates were issued by county after the annual passage of an examinations by the teacher. We are framing two of the certificates for display in the division hallway. I wish to thank Mrs. Susan Smith of Orlando for her thoughtfulness in contacting Mike Carr and for taking the time to get the certificates to our office.

NASDTEC Board of Directors Meeting

Mike Carr will be attending this meeting in mid-October in Albuquerque as part of his duties as the Southern Regional Director of the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC). This meeting is held in conjunction with the annual Professional Practices Institute, which attracts attorneys and directors

from across the country to discuss legal issues and techniques relevant to the state certification process.

Something to Pass Along

This came across my email recently from the Harvard Daily Stat, and I thought it might be something you would like to pass along:

Just **21%** of Americans think business executives contribute "a lot" to society's well-being. Those thought to contribute more than executives included lawyers (**23%**), artists (**31%**), and journalists (**38%**). The top three contributors: the military (**84%**), teachers (**77%**), and scientists (**70%**). (Source: Pew Research Center)

Meetings, Conferences, Etc

October 1 – Annual EPSB Executive Office Chili Cook-off for KEEC
October 1 – Green River Regional Education Cooperative meeting
October 5/9 – EPSB Employee Appreciation Week
October 5 – SB1 Steering Committee meeting
October 6 – South east/ South central educational cooperative
October 7/8 – Kentucky Board of Education meeting
October 9 – Math Achievement meeting
October 9 – Career and Technical Education certification work group
October 10/14 – I will be serving on a BOE team at Ohio University
October 12/13 – Safe Schools Conference
October 13 – Administrative Regulation Review Subcommittee meeting (16KAR 7:010)
October 14 – Redesigned Principal Programs Review Committee meeting
October 14 – Northern Kentucky Cooperative for Educational Services meeting
October 15 – Learning Depot meeting
October 15//16 – Wallace Foundation National Conference on School Leadership
October 15/18 – NASDTEC Professional Practices Conference
October 16 – Education and Workforce Development Cabinet meeting
October 19 – EPSB regular meeting
October 19/23 – NCATE Unit Accreditation Board meeting
October 21 – Kentucky Educational Development Cooperative meeting
October 21 – Central Kentucky Educational Cooperative meeting
October 22 – Race to the Top grant Advisory Council meeting
October 22 – Certification Division Taco lunch for KECC
October 24/28 – St. Catherine accreditation visit
October 23 -- Collaborative Center for Literacy Development fall meeting
October 27 – EPSB Leadership staff meeting
October 27 – Education Coalition meeting
October 28 – Ohio Valley Education Cooperative meeting
October 28 – Western Kentucky Educational Cooperative meeting
October 28 – Kentucky Valley Educational Cooperative meeting