

## MEMORANDUM

**TO: The Education Professional Standards Board**

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EPSB Staff**

**FROM: Phillip S. Rogers, Executive Director**

**DATE: May 1, 2007**

**SUBJECT: May 2007 EPSB Update**

### **Mission Statement**

*The Education Professional Standards Board 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.*

### **FYI: Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education (IECE) Teachers**

With the national and statewide attention on Pre-K instruction, I thought you might be interested in the number of IECE teachers we are producing. In the 2006-07 school year, we issued 30 emergency IECE certificates, down from 38 the year before. This school year we have a total of 793 IECE teachers teaching in Kentucky schools.

School Year	Admitted to IECE Preparation Programs	Completed IECE Preparation Programs
1998-1999	4	1
1999-2000	57	5
2000-2001	66	11
2001-2002	64	30
2002-2003	94	46
2003-2004	104	56
2004-2005	94	83
2005-2006	90	81

### **May Sunday Evening Study Session**

Prior to our May 14 meeting, we will have a Sunday evening study session. The session will convene at 4:00 p.m. (EDT) and will focus on the 2008-10 biennium budget request. As you know, we will be making our formal biennium budget request this fall, and the development of the budget is a long and fairly complicated process. Gary

Freeland will guide us through the steps of the process and collect your ideas on what we need to include in the request.

The second part of the study session will be a final review of the 2007 legislative session. Alicia and Marcie will provide us an overview of the bills that passed as well as those that did not but which we expect to see again. Alicia will also guide us through the initial steps in the development of the EPSB legislative agenda for the 2008 General Assembly.

### **Spring Presentations by EPSB Staff**

- On April 17 I presented the redesign of the master's and principal preparation programs to the **Appalachian P-16 Council** at Morehead State University. Following the presentation, I engaged in an open conversation with MoSU education faculty regarding the redesign efforts.
- On April 18 I joined Dr. Frank Cheatham at **Campbellsville University** for the dedication of Campbellsville's new chapel. Afterwards I met with education faculty and several members of the arts and science faculty.
- EPSB had a team of presenters at the **KACTE Spring Conference** on April 19. Mike Carr, Cindy Owen, Gary Stephens, and Melissa Miracle updated the group on a variety of topics, including the new initiatives surrounding master's programs and the ELR Task Force; the new Option 6 regulation; issues surrounding KTIP, KPIP, and assessments; clarification of institutional reporting of alternative certification candidates via the Title II report; and issues surrounding educator disciplinary cases. Terry Hibpshman presented on Perspectives on Educator Preparation Program Assessment.
- I have been asked to help lead discussion in a breakout group during **SREB's annual Leadership Forum**. The discussion will focus on the progress states have made in the systematic reform of education leadership. As you know, we have benefited greatly from having Kathy O'Neill from SREB serve as our consultant to the ELR Task Force – I am glad to be able to give back.
- Marilyn Troupe has been asked to participate in a panel discussion titled "Building State Capacity for Performance Assessment in Teacher Education." The panel will be conducted during the annual **NCATE clinic** this month. Marilyn will make a presentation and then lead a discussion.
- Mike Carr and Cindy Godsey met with a group of about 60 district human resources and financial services representatives on Friday, April 20, in conjunction with the spring conference of the **Kentucky Education Executive Information System (KEEIS) Consortium**. This group works with a software vendor in the state to create more user-friendly software, enabling districts to more easily utilize data from the MUNIS finance and personnel

system. At this meeting EPSB staff presented new and improved applications regarding districts' access of educator certificate information via our KECI system. These applications will allow districts access to accurate data regarding certification expirations and the many certificate codes which have been used over the years.

### **Redesign of Master's Programs Used for Rank Change**

We are vetting the current Kentucky Teacher Standards and the redesign guidelines with many different groups around the state. So far we have received very positive responses, and I look forward to our moving this effort forward as part of the May agenda.

### **Education Leader Redesign Task Force Update**

The four workgroups have submitted their draft reports. We have a team of writers charged with pulling these different drafts into one. I plan to have this report before you at the regular EPSB meeting in June.

### **EPSB Technology Partnerships Recognized**

The Commonwealth Office of Technology (COT) presented the Second Annual "Best of Kentucky" Awards at the Kentucky Digital Summit, April 23-24, at the Embassy Suites in Lexington. The summit, co-sponsored each year by the COT and Government Technology Magazine, recognizes outstanding individuals and programs that have made information technology contributions to the public sector. Each of the following peer-nominated award winners was picked from over 50 nominees.

The EPSB shared in two awards, **Best IT Collaboration Among Organizations** and **Best Application Serving the Public**. This accomplishment is the result of a Board who has provided the vision and leadership staff who have provided the guidance, but special thanks go to Scott Smith, who leads our technology branch, and Chela Kaplan, who manages KyEducators.org. I am especially proud of the collaboration and partnerships that have evolved and now position us to provide even better services to Kentucky's educators. Well done, everyone.

### **Teacher Working Conditions Survey**

On April 19 EPSB staff presented to the Educational Leadership Development Collaborative a proposal for creating a teacher working conditions survey. The presentation was similar to that given to board members at our Winter Retreat. Mike Carr served on a panel with Mary Ann Blankenship and Michael Kral of KEA, David Baird of KSBA, and Carolyn Witt Jones of the Partnership for Successful Schools. The presentation marks the beginning of our efforts to gain support for the administration of such a survey and to solicit input for the implementation of such an effort. Plans are being made with this group to convene a meeting of the various stakeholder education groups to move forward with the survey project.

## **Update on EPSB Technology**

### **KECI (Kentucky Educator Certification Inquiry) Enhancements**

For some time local school districts have had the capability of viewing and printing a list of their teachers with expired certifications. We have now given districts the ability to download this information into a spreadsheet.

We have also provided the school districts with an additional feature—access to view, download, and print a list of their teachers with active certifications. They may use the downloaded file to electronically update their MUNIS systems. This replacement of the manual process will save hours required for typing in the data and possibly reduce keying errors.

### **NASDTEC Automation**

Another manual process that has been automated is the acquisition of NASDTEC Clearinghouse data. These data are now retrieved by the EPSB automatically on a daily basis, more quickly providing the Divisions of Certification and Legal Services with information needed during the processing of applications.

## **Code of Ethics Brochure**

I have contacted all district superintendents and offered again this year to provide the EPSB Code of Ethics brochures. Last year we distributed almost 45,000 copies to local school districts and teacher preparation programs.

## **The Folks Who Keep Us Going...**

April 25 was National Administration Professionals Day, and I want you to know the wonderful administration professionals that keep things running at the EPSB. Each division director wanted to share a word of appreciation for the person(s) who keep the divisions running.

- I certainly want to take this opportunity to let you know how much Gary Freeland and I depend on the great job that **Ashley Abshire** does for the Executive Office. Ashley has an incredible capacity to manage multiple tasks while never losing her calm demeanor and pleasant personality. She and her husband Lee have a four-year old son Hunter who is full of energy.
- The Division of Professional Learning and Assessment (Cindy Owen is the director) is very fortunate to have **Carol Smith** as our Administrative Specialist. Carol is a professional who has taken on a large amount of work and learned a lot of new things in a relatively short period of time. Carol is married to Steve and she has two wonderful children—Cody, a great-looking sophomore, and Stevie, Carol's beautiful one-year old daughter.

- The Division of Educator Preparation (Marilyn Troupe is the director) appreciates our new Administrative Specialist III, Mrs. **Janice Linville**. Janice started work with the Division of Educator Preparation April 2, and comes to us from the Department of Transportation. Janice and her husband have two children, a girl and boy. She has worked for state government six years.
- **Cindy Washburn** is the administrative specialist in the Division of Certification (Mike Carr is the director). Cindy has been with the agency for 11 years, and she actually began here as the receptionist for the agency, moving to Certification after only a few months in that position. Cindy is invaluable in routing all the general e-mail questions to the correct specialist, handling all the financial transactions for the division, and tracking and ordering all supplies for the entire agency.
- Without **Carla Graham** and her superior organization and computer skills, the Division of Legal Services would have succumbed to the onslaught of cases (and paper) many moons ago. Carla has instituted administrative procedures which have been a saving grace for a division whose workload has doubled in the last few years. Not only does she keep the Division running, but this year she will complete her Bachelor's work at KSU and see her oldest son graduate from high school. Carla is an asset to the agency as a whole and never hesitates to pitch in to help out other divisions.
- **Vicky Upchurch** serves as the document specialist for the Division of Certification. Believe it or not, all the thousands of pieces of paper that are mailed to the division go through Vicky, as she enters each piece into the Web E03 system for processing by the certification specialists. Vicky has been with EPSB for 6 years after being a temporary employee here for one year. In addition to this important duty, Vicky also is charged with processing and organizing all mail received by the division and aids the director in ensuring that all documents are processed electronically after certificates have been issued.

### **EPSB Cookbooks**

Many thanks to those who made a donation for the EPSB Cookbook recently. Thanks to many generous hearts, the EPSB raised \$350. The EPSB-Education Professional Smorgasbord Cookbook was created with the participation of the EPSB staff to assist those in need. 100% of the proceeds for this cookbook went to Dustin Woolums, a local 16 year-old attending Franklin County High School, who has been fighting cancer for the last two years. Dustin, his siblings, and his parents were very surprised and grateful for the kindness shown to them by this effort. As an aside, at a recent fundraiser in Frankfort, more than \$5,000 was raised to send Dustin and his family on a much needed vacation. This was the only thing he requested of Hospice when asked what one wish he might have. Thank you for giving, sharing, and caring.

## **Yet Another Successful March of Dimes Campaign**

As you know, at the request of the Governor, state agencies participate in three charitable fund raising activities each year: Bowl for Kids Sake in February, the March of Dimes in March & April, and the Kentucky Employee Charitable Campaign (KECC) in the fall months. Having just completed the Bowl for Kids Sake, our incredible staff jumped right into the March of Dimes campaign with gusto.

With great imagination and generosity, our staff raised more than \$ 1,200 this year for this very worthy cause. Special thanks go out to Frank Cheatham, Cynthia York, and Rebecca Goss for their generosity in supporting our campaign. EPSB had a team of eight walkers for the April 20 March of Dimes Walk America, held on the grounds of the Capitol. Having ranked second in the Education Cabinet repeatedly for total funds raised, we have high hopes for 2007.

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

- May 2 – GRREC meeting
- May 7 – Teacher Compensation Task Force
- May 7 – CEO Advisory Committee meeting
- May 8 – Follow-up meeting of SREB District/University Partnership Training
- May 8 – EPSB leadership meeting
- May 8 – SE/SC meeting
- May 9 – Spring Prichard Committee Meeting
- May 9 – NKCES meeting
- May 9 – KBE meeting (Bowling Green)
- May 9 – Teacher Standards meeting
- May 10 – KACI meeting
- May 11 – Math Committee meeting
- May 10/11 – SREB Leadership Forum
- May 13 – Sunday evening study session
- May 14 – Regular EPSB meeting
- May 14/16 – ISLLC meeting
- May 15/18 – NCATE Clinic
- May 16 – KEDC meeting
- May 17 – SAELP meeting
- May 18 – Town hall meeting on education leadership
- May 18 – District director of human resource meeting
- May 22 – Primary election day
- May 22 – EPSB leadership meeting
- May 28 – Memorial Day (EPSB office closed)
- May 30 – OVEC meeting

## **FYI: Acronyms and abbreviations:**

- AACTE – American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education*
- AIKCU – Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities*
- CCSLP – Commonwealth Collaborative for School Leadership Programs*

*CEO – Continuing Education Option*  
*CIP -- Classification of Instructional Programs.*  
*CKEC – Central Kentucky Educational Cooperative*  
*CPE – Council on Post-Secondary Education*  
*DEP – Division of Educator Preparation*  
*EAARS – Education Assessment and Accountability Review Subcommittee*  
*ECS -- Education Commission of the States*  
*ELDC – Education Leadership Development Cooperative*  
*ELR – Educational Leader Redesign Task Force*  
*ETS – Educational Testing Service*  
*GRREC – Green River Region Educational Cooperative*  
*IECE – Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education*  
*KACTE – Kentucky Association of Colleges for Teacher Educators*  
*KASA – Kentucky Association of School Administrators*  
*KASC – Kentucky Association of School Councils*  
*KATC - Kentucky Academy of Technology Education*  
*KBE – Kentucky Board of Education*  
*KECC – Kentucky Employees Charitable Campaign*  
*KEDC – Kentucky Education Development Cooperative*  
*KEN – Kentucky Education Network*  
*K-ITEP -- Kentucky – Information Technology in Educator Preparation*  
*KPIP – Kentucky Principal Internship Program*  
*KySTE - Kentucky Society for Technology in Education*  
*KEDC – Kentucky Education Development Cooperative*  
*LEAD – Local Educator Assignment Data*  
*NASDTEC – National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification*  
*NBPTS – National Board for Professional Teaching Standards*  
*NCAC – National Council for Alternative Certification*  
*NCATE – National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education*  
*NCTAF – National Commission on Teaching and America’s Future*  
*NKCES – Northern Kentucky Cooperative for Educational Services*  
*OVEC – Ohio Valley Education Cooperative*  
*SAELP – State Action for Education Leadership Project*  
*SAPEC -- State Advisory Panel for Exceptional Children*  
*SESC – Southeast South Central Education Cooperative*  
*SREB – Southern Region Education Board*  
*STEM – Science, Technology, Mathematics, and Engineering*  
*TPA – Teacher Performance Assessments*  
*TQEG – Teacher Quality Enhancement Grant*  
*VAA – Value-Added Assessment*  
*WKEC – Western Kentucky Educational Cooperative*