

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** The Education Professional Standards Board

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

**DATE:** September 4, 2007

**SUBJECT:** September 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.*

### **KTIP TPA Training**

This spring and summer over 3,460 KTIP committee members completed the online homework module prior to participating in a face-to-face training. The online module provides basic information and an assessment on the duties of the KTIP committee members. Once committee members successfully complete the assessment, they are permitted to register for the face-to-face training. After the training they return to the online KTIP training module for an assessment and evaluation then print out a completion certificate. The automation of the homework and registration has been an improvement over having to enter so much data by hand.

### **Fall LEAD Report**

The Local Educator Assignment Data (LEAD) reporting mechanism for districts officially opened on August 9, and districts are already entering teacher assignment data and uploading as they begin working on the fall reports. The reports are not due to EPSB until October 22, but districts will work with data via the EPSB website many times before the due date.

Over the next three years, districts will convert from the STI scheduling software in each school to Infinite Campus software. The impact of this conversion on the LEAD report should be minimal; however, we will know better after this fall's report as Jefferson County is scheduled to make the conversion before the fall data are due.

### **Meeting with new KDE Deputy Commissioner Elaine Farris**

As you probably know, Linda France has retired and the former Superintendent of Shelby County Schools, Elaine Farris, has been appointed as the new Deputy Commissioner over the KDE Bureau of Learning and Results Services. As a superintendent, Elaine was an active partner with the EPSB, last serving on the committee to redesign the master's degree. The EPSB Leadership staff and I met with Elaine to make sure we are all in agreement regarding the shared reporting responsibilities we have with KDE (i.e., Title II HQ report, LEAD report, etc.) as well as to update her on the master's degree redesign and the ELR Task Force report. Elaine's vision

and energy invigorated the meeting. I believe the EPSB Leadership staff members join me in saying that we look forward to working with Elaine.

### **ELR Task Force**

The 2006 General Assembly passed HJR 14 instructing the Executive Director of the EPSB in collaboration with the Commissioner of Education and the president of the CPE to convene a task force to explore the preparation and support of Kentucky's principals. After a year of work, the Education Leadership Redesign (ELR) Task Force report, *Learning-Centered Leadership: The Preparation and Support for the Next Generation of Kentucky's School and District Leaders*, has been sent to KDE Interim Commissioner Kevin Noland and CPE Interim President Brad Cowgill for their review. Following their review, I plan to submit the report to the Legislative Research Commission (LRC). We hope to have an opportunity to present the report to the Interim Joint Committee on Education sometime this fall. I am very proud of the work and the recommendations that the ELR Task Force has brought forth and look forward to sharing the report with you later this fall.

### **Busy Season for Certification**

Between May 1 and August 21, the Division of Certification created or edited over 22,000 certificates. This is a fairly typical summer load, with the final rush to come between now and the September 15 deadline for processing rank changes for teachers. Right now, when all materials are received, certificates are being processed within 4-6 working days, an excellent turnaround time given the number of applications.

### **Highly Qualified Teacher Update**

Each spring the EPSB provides data (gathered from school principals and based on LEAD data) regarding the HQ status of each teacher. These data are then sent to KDE, the state agency responsible for filing the official HQ plan with the federal government. EPSB then makes public the available school HQ data via our website.

Both KDE and EPSB received recent communication from the U.S. Department of Education regarding the Highly Qualified reporting for the upcoming year. Few changes are expected in how the EPSB collects and reports the data; however, the USDOE did announce plans for the next round of state monitoring visits to discuss each state's reporting operation and specifics of each state's overall plan. Since Kentucky was in the final round of the last visits, we do not anticipate seeing the USDOE here in the near future; however, we will inform you if a schedule is received. The plan now is for the DOE to visit 11 states per year.

### **Focus: Teaching Math and Science**

You all have been invited to join [the Kentucky Department of Education, in conjunction with the Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation and the 2008 IDEA Festival, as it welcomes the President and Executive Director from the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics \(NCTM\) and the National Science Teachers Association \(NSTA\).](#)

[Presenters will focus on the Mathematics Focal Points and the Science Anchors projects. With the current emphasis on improving the teaching of mathematics and the sciences, it is imperative that key stakeholders have the latest information regarding national initiatives. These projects will likely have a profound influence on mathematics and science education at all levels.](#)

[The presentation will take place at the Louisville International Convention Center on September 13, 2007, from 9:30 AM EDT until noon. Please register no later than September 10, 2007, at the following website: <http://oapd.kde.state.ky.us/nctm/if.htm>](http://oapd.kde.state.ky.us/nctm/if.htm)

### **Principal PD Academy Update**

The Kentucky Principals' Academy Advisory Committee met for its inaugural meeting on Tuesday, August 28 at CPE. Co-directors Dr. Blake Hazelton of U of L and Dr. Jim Rinehart of UK gave an orientation to the purpose and vision for the academy. The advisory committee will divide into four working groups: curriculum, selection of participants, program design, and evaluation (I requested to be placed on the evaluation workgroup). The committee includes six principals who provided valuable insight and kept the conversation grounded in reality. One principal reminded us that many principals, especially high school principals, are overwhelmed by the myriad responsibilities they have and activities they must supervise and that focusing on instruction is a luxury few principals can enjoy.

The academy is scheduled to open next summer. I will keep you informed about the progress of the working groups.

### **September Sunday Evening Study Session**

The EPSB will have three accreditation items on the September agenda. On Sunday evening before the September 24 EPSB meeting, Dr. Marilyn Troupe and her staff will provide orientation (and in some cases reorientation) to the NCATE Standards and decision rules for the accreditation of preparation programs. The presentation will include an overview of the process leading to the accreditation visit and a brief discussion of the actual visit. Board members will also receive an explanation of the role of the Board of Examiners and the Accreditation Audit Committee.

### **Fall 2007 Teacher Preparation Program Accreditation Visits:**

Union College: October 19 - 24

Georgetown College: November 2 - 7

University of Kentucky: November 9 - 14

### **NCATE Web Seminar:**

NCATE will be holding several Web seminars pertaining to NCATE's proposed streamlined system through the end of the year. The Web seminars will address the program review process, the revised standards, and preparing for the visit. The seminars, which are available at no cost to participants and can be accessed from the computer, allow for voice and text interactions between NCATE staff and participants. The seminars are also available in streaming video in the resources section of the NCATE website. The Division of Educator Preparation is scheduled to participate on September 13 and December 6, 2007. Let us know if you would like to join us.

### **Sally Hamilton retires**

Dr. Sally Hamilton, Chief of Staff to Secretary Laura Owens, retired on August 31. I have been impressed by Sally's high level of professionalism and competence that is appropriately tempered by a delightful sense of humor. She has been very helpful and supportive to me and the EPSB; she will be missed.

## **New Feature on the EPSB Web site**

Visitors to the EPSB Web site now have the ability to search either the EPSB Web site or search the entire Kentucky government network of web sites. The added feature will enable our clients and EPSB personnel to find information faster and with much more precision. For example, if you need information regarding emergency certification and you search via *Kentucky.gov*, it returns 16,200 hits from any organization that deals with “emergency” or “certification,” whereas if you just select KYEPSB, it returns 288 hits that pertain to only teacher certification. The search engine currently defaults to KYEPSB, but if you need to perform a global search, just click on the drop down menu and select *Kentucky.gov*. The search engine can be found at the top right of the EPSB Web site: [www.kyepsb.net](http://www.kyepsb.net).

## **2007 KECC at the EPSB**

Once again the team at the EPSB does amazing work...Only one week after the ice-cream social kick-off for the 2007 Kentucky Employee Charitable Campaign, the staff at EPSB has exceeded the 2007 agency goal of raising \$7,500 dollars. To date, the generosity has raised more than \$7,600 with nearly every dollar raised by payroll deduction. The EPSB has many activities still yet to come. Each division will host a special event—a silent auction of delectable baskets, chili cook-off, waffle breakfast, bake sale, chili-dog luncheon, and many more “Fun-raising” activities.

## **A Good Quote**

In the August 21, 2007 edition of *Education Daily*:

While working as a consultant at the Education Department, Inner City Education Foundation CEO Ken Zeff said he got used to one of Secretary Margaret Spellings’ favorite sayings: “In God we trust; everybody else bring data.”

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

September 3 – Holiday, EPSB office closed  
September 5 – GRREC meeting  
September 5/6 – KBE meeting  
September 6 – KY National Board Collaboration meeting  
September 6 – Mike Carr presenting at the KY Human Resources Directors meeting  
September 10 – Joint Education Committee meeting  
September 11 – Leadership meeting  
September 11 – SE/SC meeting  
September 12 – NKCES meeting  
September 12 – OVEC Personnel Directors Training  
September 13 – NCATE Web seminar  
September 14 – Math Achievement Committee meeting  
September 16/17 -- Governor's Conference on Postsecondary Ed Trusteeship  
September 19 – KEDC meeting  
September 19 – CKEC meeting  
September 20 – KY Adolescent Literacy Forum  
September 20 – SAELP work group meeting  
September 24 – EPSB meeting  
September 25 – Leadership meeting

September 26 – OVEC meeting  
September 26 – WKEC meeting  
September 26 – KVEC meeting  
September 27/28 – INTASC meeting  
September 28 – Phil presenting at KATE conference  
September 28 – Deans and Chairs meeting

**FYI: Acronyms and abbreviations:**

*CEO – Continuing Education Option*  
*CPE – Council on Post-Secondary Education*  
*ELDC – Education Leadership Development Collaborative*  
*IECE – Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education*  
*KACTE – Kentucky Association of Colleges for Teacher Educators*  
*KASA – Kentucky Association of School Administrators*  
*KBE – Kentucky Board of Education*  
*KECC – Kentucky Employee Charitable Campaign*  
*KEDC – Kentucky Education Development Cooperative*  
*KPIP – Kentucky Principal Internship Program*  
*KTIP – Kentucky Teacher Internship Program*  
*LEAD – Local Educator Assignment Data*  
*NASDTEC – National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification*  
*NBPTS – National Board for Professional Teaching Standards*  
*NCTAF – National Commission on Teaching and America’s Future*  
*OVEC – Ohio Valley Education Cooperative*  
*SAELP – State Action for Education Leadership Project*  
*SESC – Southeast South Central Education Cooperative*  
*TPA – Teacher Performance Assessments*  
*VAA – Value-Added Assessment*  
*WKEC – Western Kentucky Educational Cooperative*