



November 2013  
EPSB Update Memo

### **EPSB Mission**

*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.*

The EPSB Goals and Strategies may be found at <http://www.epsb.ky.gov/boardinfo/mission.asp>.

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### **2013 Governor's Ambassador Awards**

First Lady Jane Beshear and Personnel Cabinet Secretary Timothy Longmeyer commemorated Public Service Recognition Week with the presentation of the fifth annual Governor's Ambassador Awards. Please join me in congratulating Marcie Lowe of the EPSB who was a recipient of the Community Service and Volunteerism Award. Marcie's contributions and leadership with the Kentucky Employee Charitable Campaign, the American Cancer Society, and other service organizations highlight her service commitment to others. Marcie and other award recipients are honored by having a personalized, engraved brick placed along Ambassador Avenue outside the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History.

### **EPSB Wraps up the 2013 KECC Campaign**

The generosity of this agency never ceases to amaze me. As we near the end of the year, I am proud to announce that we have raised \$5,548.00 for the Kentucky Employees Charitable Campaign. At different times during our lives, we have known relatives or friends in need of the services provided by these contributions. Thank you to my wonderful team!

### **Network for Transforming Teacher Preparation**

Kentucky has been named as one of seven states to participate in a two-year pilot program to train future teachers. The Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) created the Network for Transforming Educator Preparation (NTEP) to help states ensure all new teachers are ready on the first day of their careers to prepare their students for college, work and life. This work revolves around the ten recommendations

identified in CCSSO's release of "Our Responsibility, Our Promise – Transforming Educator Preparation and Entry into the Profession".

The network will use successful practices used in several states to influence policies affecting teacher preparation and licensing. These policies may also influence training for school administrators, such as principals. Kentucky and the six other states – Connecticut, Georgia, Idaho, Louisiana, Massachusetts and Washington – are joined by 17 national organizations committed to support the states' efforts.

Executive Director Robert Brown was also invited by CCSSO to provide an overview of Kentucky's initiatives and the impact of NTEP at the Conference on Teaching in Chicago on October 29.

The press release may be viewed at [Governor Beshear's Press Release](#).

### **LEAD Reports due November 1**

Districts were reminded that October was the month during which the LEAD report must be corrected, completed, and submitted to EPSB. Friday, November 1, 2013, is the sign-off date. For questions regarding the report contact [Cindy.Godsey@ky.gov](mailto:Cindy.Godsey@ky.gov).

### **EPSB Customer Satisfaction Survey**

The link to the EPSB customer satisfaction survey was sent to constituent groups in mid-October. This survey is sent to stakeholders every two years to solicit comments and areas of improvement. IHE deans and chairs, certification officers, district HR, LEAD and KTIP coordinators, principals, and superintendents will be surveyed and results from the survey will be analyzed to determine how staff may respond to improve services. The survey closes November 8, 2013.

### **New Pre-Professional Assessments for Teacher Admission Requirements**

The EPSB and other agencies have been working with Educational Testing Service (ETS) to create new assessments for admission to teacher education that are aligned to the Common Core Standards. *The Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators: Reading, Writing, and Mathematics* will replace the Praxis Pre-Professional Skills Tests (PPST). The Praxis Core tests were designed to reflect the Common Core Academic Standards, addressing the EPSB's expectation that the skills assessments for educator preparation program admission reflect the standards used in P-12 classrooms in which candidates will teach. These assessments will be provided via computer delivery format. The new assessments would become effective September 1, 2014.

### **New Teacher Survey**

New student teachers, cooperating teachers, interns, and resource teachers will be contacted to participate in the fall 2013 New Teacher Survey (NTS). The survey opens November 4 and will close on December 15. The purpose of the survey is to gather perception data regarding how well prepared new teachers are to meet the requirements established in the Kentucky Teacher Standards. It will also gather additional information regarding the new teachers' preparedness to address the Common Core Standards. If you have any questions regarding the survey, please contact [Ashley.Wink@ky.gov](mailto:Ashley.Wink@ky.gov).

### **Cooperating Teacher Training**

Ongoing training efforts are ensuring that student teachers receive the support they need to continue their development to be student-ready professional educators. Cooperating teachers and university supervisors are completing training that reflects best practices for supporting student teachers.

As of October 31, 2013, 1,047 cooperating teachers and university supervisors had completed the 16 KAR 5:040 trainings for Part A, Basic responsibilities of a cooperating teacher/university supervisor (Section 2(5)(a) and Section 5(6)(a)) and Part B, Best practice in supporting a student teacher (Section 2(5)(b) and Section 5(6)(b)).

Information regarding the trainings can be found on the EPSB website by following the directions below:

Go to [www.epsb.ky.gov](http://www.epsb.ky.gov)

Click Educator Preparation (located on the left side of the screen)

Click 16 KAR 5:040 Training

Any questions regarding Part A, Basic responsibilities of a cooperating teacher/university supervisor may be sent to [lauren.graves@ky.gov](mailto:lauren.graves@ky.gov) or [diannan.carr@ky.gov](mailto:diannan.carr@ky.gov). Questions regarding Part B, Best practice in supporting the student teacher may be sent to [sandra.stanley@ky.gov](mailto:sandra.stanley@ky.gov) or [janice.linville@ky.gov](mailto:janice.linville@ky.gov).

### **Kentucky Field Experience Tracking System**

EPSB's Lauren Graves and Scott Smith trained approximately 160 faculty from higher education institutions in the new Kentucky Field Experience Tracking System (KFETS). This system is used by candidates to record the 200 hours of clinical field experiences. The trainings were conducted at Eastern Kentucky University and Western Kentucky University. The Kentucky Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (KACTE) provided funding support for participants in the training. KFETS is scheduled to go live in January 2014.

### **Ethics Seminars**

The Division of Legal Services provides free ethics seminars and professional development to schools, school districts, education associations, and educator preparation programs. The seminar or training session can be tailored to your time and content needs. If you would like to schedule a seminar or training, please contact Elise Borne at [elise.borne@ky.gov](mailto:elise.borne@ky.gov).

### **Regulations**

The EPSB approved amendments to 16 KAR 3:080 and 16 KAR 9:080 at its August meeting. Those amendments were reviewed by the Administrative Regulations Review Subcommittee (ARRS) of the General Assembly on October 9, 2013. Due to the timing of the next Interim Joint Education Committee meeting on November 4, 2013, staff does not anticipate these regulatory amendments will be reviewed at that meeting. If not reviewed by the committee, the new amendments will become effective on December 6, 2013.

### **NASDTEC Professional Practices Institute**

The National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) held its 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Professional Practices Institute (PPI) in Boise, Idaho, October 23-25. The PPI has traditionally been an opportunity for individual state licensure officials to meet and discuss educator misconduct issues. The PPI's focus this year was "Exploring Problems – Sharing Solutions," and featured several great speakers from around the country. The Ontario College of Teachers presented a session on how it has responded to the May 2012 report from Justice Patrick LeSage after his nine-month review of the College's investigation, discipline, and dispute resolution procedures. This was followed by a presentation from the Kansas Department of Education on its self-audit of disciplinary procedures after two court opinions reversed its disciplinary decisions for lack of proper evidentiary and due process procedures. The Georgia Professional Standards Commission prepared a review of its new effort to assess pre-service teachers on their ethical knowledge and veteran PPI presenter, Frederick S. Lane, reviewed techniques for the collection and preservation of computer and digital evidence.

If you would like more information about the topics at the PPI or copies of the presentation materials, please contact Alicia Sneed at [alicia.sneed@ky.gov](mailto:alicia.sneed@ky.gov).

### **FYI: November 2013 Meetings**

November 1, 2 Supporting Effective Educator Development meeting, Washington D.C.

November 4 - Teacher Effectiveness Steering Committee meeting, KDE

November 4 - Interim Joint Committee on Education

November TBD - EPSB Strategic Action Plan Committee

November 6 - Green River Regional Educational Cooperative

November 11 - Veteran's Day, EPSB office closed  
November 12 - Kentucky Leads the Nation, Kenton County  
November 13 - Northern Kentucky Cooperative for Educational Services  
November 13 - Ohio Valley Education Cooperative  
November 18 - Kentucky Advisory Council for Internships/KTIP work team meeting  
November 19 - Kentucky Center for Education and Workforce Statistics Board Meeting  
November 20 - EPSB Leadership Presentation for Murray State University  
November 20 - 21 Prichard Committee Summit, Lexington  
November 20 - Central Kentucky Education Cooperative  
November 20 - Kentucky Education Development Corporation  
November 20 - Western Kentucky Educational Cooperative  
November 24 - IHE Consortium  
November 28, 29 - Thanksgiving EPSB office closed  
November/December on December 9th - Kentucky Valley Educational Cooperative

**The next regularly scheduled meeting of the EPSB is Monday, January 6, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. (EDT) in Conference Room A, 100 Airport Road, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, and Frankfort, Kentucky.** EPSB meeting agendas may be found [here](#) one week prior to the meeting.

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