

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** The Education Professional Standards Board

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**FROM:** Alicia A. Sneed, Acting Executive Director

**DATE:** January 2, 2013

**SUBJECT:** January 2013 EPSB Update Memo

### 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.*

**NOTE:** The next regularly scheduled meeting of the EPSB is Monday, January 7, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room A, 100 Airport Road, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Frankfort, Kentucky.

### The Education Professional Standards Board Appoints New Executive Director

The Kentucky Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) on December 4, 2012 announced the appointment of Robert L. Brown, of Harrodsburg, Kentucky as the EPSB Executive Director. Brown was chosen by the EPSB from a field of four finalists in a national search conducted over the past four months. He has served as the EPSB's Director of Professional Learning and Assessment for nearly eight years and has been on various state and national committees/work groups during his tenure with the agency. While at EPSB, Brown has guided the teacher internship redesign initiatives associated with Senate Bill 1 of 2009 and led EPSB priority work groups, including review committees to review superintendent programs and assessment scores. He also helped lead the work of master's degree redesign and principal preparation redesign for Kentucky educators.

Brown has worked in Kentucky education for more than 27 years. His previous experience includes work as an elementary and middle school teacher in math, social studies, language arts and science, and five years as an elementary principal in Harrodsburg. Brown also has extensive district-level leadership experience, having served as assistant/acting superintendent of the Washington County School District, where he was curriculum supervisor, professional development coordinator, and district assessment coordinator along with numerous other administrative responsibilities.

### **Professionals in Personnel Meeting**

Mike Carr will be speaking at the Central KY Professionals in Personnel (PIP) meeting on Friday, January 18 in Harrodsburg. He will be talking about the changes in working with out-of-state teachers in hiring, acceptable programs for rank changes, changes in principal preparation programs, results from the on-line TC-4 application process, and answer any questions related to certification. The meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. at the Vo-Tech School in Mercer County, and it will be open to all interested parties. Please contact Nancy Simmons with the Mercer Schools at 859-733-7000 to attend if you are not a member of the PIP group. The meeting will be postponed if inclement weather closes the Mercer County Schools on the date of the meeting.

### **Spring LEAD Report Will Open for Uploads on January 15**

It's hard to believe, but the time is coming for LEAD Coordinators to prepare for the abbreviated LEAD reporting period, which runs from January 15-February 28. This process is important because districts need to make any changes in personnel and upload that for the spring process. This corrects any problems that may have occurred in the fall reporting due to vacancies, out-of-field teachers, etc. Data changes are also vital because this information will be used by all principals in the state during the March 2013 Highly Qualified Teacher Report.

### **Co-Teaching Training**

Kentucky again hosted Dr. Nancy Bacharach and Dr. Teresa Heck, widely recognized experts in applying co-teaching principles to student teaching, in Lexington on November 14 and 15. Two workshops, supported by Senate Bill 1 funds allocated through the Council on Postsecondary Education, focused on co-teaching in clinically based preparation for teachers. Revisions to 16 KAR 5:040 that apply to teacher certification candidates who begin student teaching on or after September 1 of this year require co-teaching as a component of student teaching.

Work is underway to ensure that all cooperating teachers whose student teachers begin student teaching on or after September 1, 2013, are trained to implement the co-teaching model with their student teachers. Each educator preparation program is responsible for ensuring that its cooperating teachers are trained, but the EPSB will require each cooperating teacher to complete co-teaching training only once. Faculty from educator preparation programs are working together to share training ideas and plan training module content. The EPSB's Educator Preparation Division will provide a module that reviews regulatory requirements that affect student teaching.

### **Literacy Research Association's Annual Conference**

Dr. Kim Walters-Parker, Director of the Educator Preparation Division, chaired a session and served as a discussant at the Literacy Research Association's Annual Conference in November. The conference focused on 21st Century Literacies and featured research presentations on preparing teachers to meet the challenges of new literacies across instructional levels and academic fields.

### **National Board for Professional Teaching Standards**

National Board Certification Day has been re-scheduled to take place on Tuesday, January 8. At that time, the official announcement, press release, and state profiles will be available on the National Board's website. Though the successful candidate data is embargoed until that date, teachers who were enrolled in the National Teacher Incentive Trust Fund administered by the

EPSB and who have submitted the required documentation have received the 75% of out-of-pocket expenses. An official statement concerning KY's pass rate will be released by the EPSB once the embargo period has expired.

### **Teaching, Empowering, Leading, and Learning (TELL) KY Survey**

The Kentucky Department of Education will host the second administration of the TELL Kentucky Survey during a four-week window between March 4 – March 29. The TELL Survey is open to all school-based, licensed educators, including administrators, and other instructional staff across the state. By hearing directly from educators, schools have the opportunity to make data-driven decisions that make all schools great places to work and learn. The TELL Kentucky Survey and additional information may be accessed by visiting [www.tellkentucky.org](http://www.tellkentucky.org).

### **Council of Chief State School Officers**

The Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) recently released the publication *Our Responsibility, Our Promise – Transforming Educator Preparation and Entry into the Profession*. This publication establishes a vision of developing educators with the knowledge and skills necessary to improve student learning. By examining qualities of *learner-ready* educators, recommendations that focus on levers for change are provided in the report.

### **New Teacher Assessments**

Educational Testing Services (ETS) will host Praxis I multi-state standard setting studies on January 23 – 25 and January 28 -29. Kentucky will have representation in these sessions. Results from the studies will be forwarded to EPSB staff by February 26, 2013.

### **Ethics Seminars**

The legal services staff will present ethics seminars at the following locations during the month of January:

Asbury University- January 4, 2013

Murray State University- January 7, 2013

Thomas Moore College- January 23, 2013

To schedule an ethics seminar at your institution, school, or school district, please contact Elise Borne at [elise.borne@ky.gov](mailto:elise.borne@ky.gov).

### **Regulations Update**

Currently, the EPSB is promulgating amendments to two regulations, 16 KAR 6:010, Examination prerequisites for teacher certification, and 16 KAR 8:030, Continuing Education Option for certificate renewal and rank change. The amendments to the two regulations were approved at the October 15, 2012 EPSB meeting. The amendments were published in the December 2012 Administrative Register of Kentucky for public comment and are tentatively scheduled to be reviewed by the Administrative Regulations Review Subcommittee (ARRS) on January 7, 2013 at 1:00 pm.

For more information regarding these regulatory amendments, please contact Alicia Sneed at [alicia.sneed@ky.gov](mailto:alicia.sneed@ky.gov).

**FYI: January Meetings, Conferences, Etc.**

January 2, 2013 – Green River Regional Educational Cooperative meeting

January 7, 2013 – EPSB Meeting

January 8, 2013 – South East/South Central Educational Cooperative meeting

January 9, 2013 – Northern Kentucky Cooperative for Educational Services meeting

January 16, 2013 – Central Kentucky Educational Cooperative meeting

January 16, 2013 – Prichard Committee Team Meeting on Teacher Effectiveness

January 16 – 17, 2013 – Kentucky Educational Development Corporation Meeting

January 18, 2013 – PIP Personnel Meeting

January 21, 2013 – Martin Luther King Day/ EPSB offices closed

January 23, 2013 – Kentucky Valley Educational Cooperative meeting

January 23, 2013 – Western Kentucky Educational Cooperative Meeting

January 30, 2013 – Ohio Valley Educational Cooperative Meeting

