

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Education Professional Standards Board
COPY: EPSB Education Partners
EPSB Staff
FROM: Phillip S. Rogers, Executive Director
DATE: January 5, 2012
SUBJECT: January 2012 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

“Measuring is easy. Evaluating is hard.” -- Christopher J. Frank and Paul Magnone

*From their book: *Drinking from the Fire Hose: Making Smarter Decisions Without Drowning in Information**

Resignation of Lynn May

It was with regret that I recently forwarded Lynn May’s letter of resignation from the EPSB to the Governor’s Office. I know that EPSB members and staff share my appreciation for Lynn’s passion for the work of the board. We have all benefitted from her perceptive understanding of the issues that come before the EPSB. Please join me in thanking her for her service and wishing her all the best in her future endeavors.

Appointment to the ETS Teacher Licensure Advisory Council

I have been asked by the Educational Testing Service (ETS) to serve as a member of the Teacher Licensure Advisory Council. Over the next two years, this council will be working with experts in the field of teacher licensure and assessment, to develop the next generation of new teacher assessments. Our first meeting is January 24-25 in Princeton, NJ.

National Board for Professional Teaching Standards

On December 7, 2011, the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) publicly announced the 2011 class of National Board Certified Teachers (NBCTs) and the data related to these accomplished teachers. A total of 6,266 teachers became National Board Certified in 2011, bringing the total number of teachers certified by NBPTS to 97,291. Kentucky is ranked 7th in 2011 with 289 newly certified NB teachers. KY is also ranked 11th in the nation in total NB teachers with 2,449.

Please join us in congratulating all our new KY NB teachers on their accomplishment.

Kentucky Teacher Internship Program (KTIP)

All new teachers who met the required minimum number of days for the internship have been approved to participate in a full-year internship for 2011-2012. Additionally, all submitted Resource Teacher Time Sheets have been processed for payment through the Intern Management System. Remaining timesheets are due by December 20, 2011.

No funding will be provided by the EPSB for internships beginning January 2012. Those interns hired with a minimum of 70 instructional days for the spring semester will be issued a provisional internship certificate, thus identifying them as fully-certified and highly-qualified to teach. These interns will be placed on the priority list to participate in KTIP in the fall of 2012.

It is an Honor

I am honored to serve as guest editor for the summer 2012 edition of *The Kentucky Journal for Excellence in College Teaching and Learning* (KJECTL).

As part of his invitation to me Dr. Sherwood Thompson related, “KJECTL is a peer-reviewed electronic journal sponsored by the Kentucky Council for Post-Secondary Education Faculty Development Group and published by the Eastern Kentucky University College of Education. General categories for articles include theory, research, and practice. In addition, the journal publishes manuscripts containing book or media reviews, profiles, and commentary.”

Submission of Guidelines for the summer 2012 special edition of the journal can be found at the following link: www.kjectl.eku.edu.

Disciplinary Case Trends

The Division of Legal Services is currently analyzing data on the disciplinary cases opened in calendar year 2011. There were 304 cases opened during calendar year 2011 compared to 278 in 2010. Although there was an increase in cases opened from 2010 to 2011, this is consistent with the number cases initiated in years past. Disciplinary cases usually have several allegation types associated with them, and staff is currently reviewing the allegation types to discern if there are any trends in misconduct cases.

Fall Period for New Teacher Survey Closes

Thanks to all interns, resource teachers, student teachers, cooperating teachers, and principals who have participated in the fall 2011 New Teacher Survey. Currently, we have approximately 5,700 respondents to the survey. In the spring of 2012, the survey will be issued to collect data concerning the spring student teachers.

Plans Move Forward for On-line Emergency Substitute Applications

Later this spring, all state personnel directors will be contacted for on-line training sessions regarding the move to an on-line certification application process for all persons in Kentucky who wish to serve districts as emergency substitute teachers (TC-4). Currently, these persons apply with the district and annually complete an EPSB-approved application which is kept on file with the district. The use of this paper application will be discontinued after the current school year.

The on-line TC-4 process was piloted for the current school year in Jefferson and Fayette counties with great success, and valuable feedback has been gathered from that process. The on-line process will allow EPSB to maintain a record of all emergency substitute applications, and

successful applicants will actually receive a certificate via e-mail for use during the school year. TC-4 applicants will create an account via the EPSB website, and will complete the application on-line, while districts will maintain the copy of the applicant's transcripts, as they do now. This process will ensure that each applicant will be checked against the EPSB's national database showing teachers who have had certification issues in other states. Districts will still conduct criminal background checks as required by state law.

This process will be required of all districts which use emergency substitute applications, and will provide all parties with a record of the annual application along with an actual certificate. It should also eliminate the need for some annual reports, since the data on district utilization of these employees will be collected in real time by EPSB. While emergency substitutes will need to create their own applications and collaborate with districts to apply both for employment and certification, the new process will provide more accountability and consistency in the employment of these persons statewide.

Currently, plans call for superintendents and personnel directors to be contacted in March concerning preparation which they will need to make for this process, and on-line training sessions will be scheduled for later in the spring.

Professionals in Personnel Meeting

Cindy Godsey will be speaking at the Central KY Professionals in Personnel (PIP) meeting on January 20. She will be talking about the changes in principal preparation programs, TC-4 applications, and other topics related to certification. The meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. at Mercer County High School, 1124 Moberly Rd, Harrodsburg, and it will be open to all interested parties. Contact Nancy Simmons 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.

Successful Spring 2012 Accreditation Visits Requires Dedicated BOE Members

The Division of Educator Preparation is gearing up for a busy spring, as our staff and volunteer Board of Examiners teams prepare for accreditation visits to five educator preparation programs across the state. We have three state-only accreditation visits and two joint accreditation visits with combined NCATE and state teams. Each BOE team includes representatives from K-12 and higher education. The EPSB and our educator preparation programs appreciate the dedicated service of BOE members who help ensure that every program meets the standards adopted by the EPSB.

New Online Teaching Endorsement Approved by the EPSB

At its November 2011 retreat, the EPSB directed staff to begin developing an endorsement for online teaching. As interest in digital learning continues to grow, the endorsement for online teaching is envisioned as an opportunity for teachers to develop their skills in digital instructional design, online pedagogy, assessment, community building, and other competencies needed for effective online instruction. The endorsement will not be required for developing or delivering online instruction. Additional information about the endorsement for online teaching will be posted on the EPSB web site as it becomes available.

Update: NCATE Alliance Partnership Meeting

Recent revisions to 16 KAR 5:040, Kentucky's student teaching regulation, include provisions to enhance and expand clinical experiences for pre-service educators. Teacher educators are working closely with schools and districts to ensure pre-service educators have a broad range of clinical experiences throughout their preparation programs. Late this month, a team of Kentucky educators will meet with other NCATE Alliance for Clinical Teacher Preparation state teams to share ideas, experiences, resources, challenges, strategies, research plans, etc. related to clinical experiences in educator preparation programs.

Regulations Update

The amendments to [16 KAR 5:020](#) approved by the Education Professional Standards Board at its September meeting were filed in November for publication in the December edition of the Administrative Register of Kentucky. The amendments to this regulation adopt the CRACE recommendations and establish minimum uniform standards for admission to initial educator preparation programs. Comments have been received and a statement of consideration will be filed for publication in the February edition of the Administrative Register of Kentucky.

Ethic Seminars

The Division of Legal Services will be delivering ethic seminars at the following locations this month:

January 11	Asbury University
January 23	University of Louisville
January 24	Somerset Community College

To schedule an ethics seminar at your institution, school, or school district, please contact Elise Borne at elise.borne@ky.gov.

Your Questions: Are districts to report misconduct of student teachers?

With the enactment of the new clinical requirements in [16 KAR 5:040](#), there will be more educator preparation candidates in our school districts for longer periods of time prior to their student teaching semesters. Questions have arisen about the superintendent's duty to report misconduct involving these candidates. 16 KAR 5:040 Section (3)2 requires these candidates to abide by the Professional Code of Ethics for Certified Staff, but a superintendent is not under a duty to report because an educator preparation candidate is neither a certified educator nor an employee in the district.

In general, the governance of educator preparation candidates and student teachers is the responsibility of the educator preparation institution. If a candidate proves to be unfit during his or her tenure as a teacher candidate at one of Kentucky's accredited institutions, the EPSB would expect the institution to exit the candidate from the program.

Therefore, although a superintendent is not under a duty to report pursuant to KRS 161.120(2), the EPSB would encourage a superintendent to submit information regarding allegations of misconduct committed by candidates in his or her district to the EPSB. A superintendent may be reluctant to voluntarily submit a report to the EPSB if he or she felt that submitting such a report would create future civil liability for the superintendent or the school district. Therefore, superintendents, principals, and educators should feel free to make an anonymous report to the EPSB.

If you have any questions about the legal status of educator preparation candidates or student teachers in the school districts, please contact Alicia Sneed at alicia.sneed@ky.gov.

2012 Regular Session of the Kentucky General Assembly

The Kentucky stipulates that the legislature convenes in regular session on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January for 60 days in even-numbered years and for 30 days in odd-numbered years. The Kentucky Constitution mandates that a regular session be completed no later than April 15 in even-numbered years and March 30 in odd-numbered years. For meeting information and the legislature's calendar click [here](#).

FYI: Meetings, Conferences, Etc.

January 2 – New Year's Holiday (EPSB office closed)
January 3 – 2012 Regular Session of the Kentucky General Assembly convenes
January 6 – Green River Regional Education Cooperative meeting
January 9 – EPSB regular meeting
January 10 – Southeast/South Central Education Cooperative meeting
January 11 – Ethics seminar at Asbury University
January 12 – Northern Kentucky Cooperative for Educational Services meeting
January 16 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (EPSB office closed)
January 18 – Kentucky Educational Development Cooperation meeting
January 18 – Central Kentucky Educational Cooperative meeting
January 20 – Professionals in Personnel meeting (Mercer County)
January 23 – Ethics seminar at University of Louisville
January 14 – Ethics seminar at Somerset Community College
January 24/25 – Teacher Licensure Advisory Council meeting
January 25 – Western Kentucky Education Cooperative meeting
January 25 – Ohio Valley Educational Cooperative meeting
January 29/Feb 1 – NCATE National Alliance meeting