

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** The Education Professional Standards Board  
**COPY:** EPSB Education Partners  
EPSB Staff  
**FROM:** Phillip S. Rogers, Executive Director  
**DATE:** February 1, 2012  
**SUBJECT:** February 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

*“Opportunities are seldom labeled.” --- John A. Shedd*

### Kentucky Teacher Highlights Recent Work of the EPSB

I was honored to respond to a series of questions from the KDE online publication, [Kentucky Teacher](#), regarding the important work of the EPSB.

### February 27-29: Architecture for Implementing the Common Core Standards Conference

The EPSB will be joining with CPE, KDE, and three national organizations—the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, the Council of Chief State School Officers, and the State Higher Education Executive Officers—in a national conference designed to support full implementation of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). The conference offers school districts and universities an opportunity to explore practical and proven ways to fully implement the CCSS. On Monday evening I will be joining Dr. Holliday, Bob King, Rep. Carl Rollins, and Sen. Ken Winters in an open dialogue about the implementation of the CCSS and the Unbridled Learning initiative (SB1).

### Temporary Suspension of Enrollments in the Teachers’ National Incentive Trust Fund

On January 3, 2012, the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) was requested to submit plans to deal with a 7 – 9 % budget reduction for FY13 and FY14. In response to the need to reduce its budget accordingly, the EPSB approved the temporary suspension of all enrollments into the Teachers’ National Certification Incentive Trust Fund. Should funding become available, staff will enroll the number of candidates into the trust fund commensurate with the amount allocated.

Contracts for mentoring services through the Candidate Support Providers will not be issued at this time. The priority use of the funds will be to enroll as many teachers as possible into the trust fund.

Those teachers who enrolled in the 2011-2012 cycle and made application to the Teachers' National Certification Incentive Trust Fund will receive the 75% out-of-pocket reimbursement upon successful completion of NB certification in the fall of 2012.

### **UPDATE: Unbridled Learning (SB 1) Initiatives**

The Unbridled Learning Initiative (SB1, 2009) stipulated:

*“The Education Professional Standards Board shall ensure teacher preparation programs include use of academic standards in the pre-service programs and that all teacher interns have experience planning classroom instruction based on the revised standards.”*

As of this month, 29 of Kentucky's 30 teacher preparation programs have submitted evidence that all teacher interns have experience planning classroom instruction based on the revised standards. Additionally, approximately 95% of all faculty and staff assigned to the education units of the teacher preparation programs have received information/training sessions on the Common Core State Standards (CCSS).

### **New Endorsement: Online Instruction**

In early February, the Division of Educator Preparation will convene the advisory group charged with taking the first steps toward developing Kentucky's endorsement for online teaching. The group's initial task will be to examine several sets of standards for online teaching and then craft a set of standards for board consideration. The endorsement for online teaching is not a prerequisite for delivering online instruction: this endorsement is being developed as a professional growth opportunity for Kentucky educators.

### **ATTENTION: Action Necessary for Persons Holding Level I Principal Credentials**

Superintendents and human resources managers may wish to publicize the following information in local district communications so that Level I principal credential holders may contact their advisors at the university where the Level I credential was gained. The EPSB Division of Certification will also be sending a letter to all of these credential holders in early February regarding this issue.

*All Kentucky school principal preparation programs have recently moved to a 30-hour POST-Master's requirement. Current Level I credentials were likely earned via the completion of a Master's level program. Current EPSB regulations state that all coursework, including that required for Level II programs, for the Master's level programs must be completed before **JANUARY 31, 2014**.*

Level I credentials may only be renewed by completing the Level II program. It is to the advantage of all Level I administrative credential holders to complete all Level II coursework (usually 6-9 credit hours, depending upon your university) as soon as possible and no later than January 2014. Completion of the Level II program will renew this credential, add five more years to the expiration date, and will prevent having to take the substantially higher number of credit hours required by all of the newly approved post-Master's preparation programs.

After the January 31, 2014 deadline, universities will not be able to make the Level II recommendations without the completion of the new post-Master's requirements, so Level I credential holders are urged to make plans now to complete the requirements for Level II.

### **Career and Technical Teacher Education Conference**

Kim Walters-Parker, Director of the Division of Educator Preparation, will speak at the Career and Technical Teacher Education Conference in Georgetown on February 2. The theme of this year's conference is "Career and Technical Education Transformation in Kentucky." Kim will be discussing trends in educator preparation and their influence on CTE educator preparation programs, including the impact of recent regulatory changes in Kentucky. Faculty from Eastern Kentucky University, Morehead State University, Murray State University, the University of Kentucky, the University of Louisville, and Western Kentucky University, along with graduate students and Kentucky Department of Education staff are also scheduled to make presentations.

### **Kentucky Teacher Standards**

In response to the release of the Interstate Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium (InTASC) Model Core Teaching Standards, the EPSB established a committee to review the Kentucky Teacher Standards (KTS). The Model Core Teaching Standards will be used as a springboard for discussion and possible recommendations to the EPSB on updates to the indicators of the KTS. In addition to reviewing the Model Core Teaching Standards, the committee will also use the Model Teacher Leader Standards developed by the Teacher Leadership Exploratory Consortium to help guide the discussion.

The first meeting of the Kentucky Teacher Standards Review Committee is scheduled for February 22, 2012.

### **Fall New Teacher Survey**

The fall administration of the new teacher survey has been completed with a total of 5,717 responses. New to the survey this year is information collected from school principals. The spring survey will be conducted in April 2012 to all student teachers, cooperating teachers, and principals. Data from interns and resource teachers will not be collected since there will be no spring internships for 2012. We want to thank all who took the time to participate in the survey. The data provides valuable information to the EPSB and our teacher preparation programs.

### **National Board (NB) to Provide Federal Subsidies**

Last year EPSB staff received notice that no federal subsidies would be available to cover one-half of the registration fees for teachers registering for NB in January 2012. However, the National Board office was pleased to announce the reinstatement of the subsidies for the 2012-2013 cycle of candidates. In early spring the staff will be notified of the amount allocated to Kentucky. Teachers interested in pursuing certification should contact NB concerning registration information at [nbpts.org](http://nbpts.org).

### **National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS)**

On Tuesday, March 6, 2012, teachers who were National Board certified in the 2010-2011 cycle will be honored during a recognition ceremony in the State Capitol Rotunda. The ceremony will begin at 1:00 p.m. Each newly certified National Board teacher will be invited to bring his or her principal or superintendent to this event as a special guest.

Please join us in offering our congratulations for jobs well done!

Currently 489 candidates are enrolled in the 2011 – 2012 cycle. All enrolled candidates have received a federal subsidy that covers half of the registration fee for National Board certification.

### **Ethics Seminars**

In February, staff from the Division of Legal Services will be providing ethics seminars in the following locations:

February 1	Alice Lloyd College
February 6	Kentucky Wesleyan College
February 7/8	Union College
February 20	University of the Cumberlands

If your institution or school district would like to schedule an ethics seminar for your students or personnel, please contact Elise Borne at [elise.borne@ky.gov](mailto:elise.borne@ky.gov).

### **Regulations Update**

Amendments approved by the EPSB at its September meeting to 16 KAR 5:020, the admissions to educator preparation regulation, will be reviewed by the Administrative Regulations Review Subcommittee (ARRS) on Monday, February 13, 2012.

Amendments to 16 KAR 6:010, the EPSB's assessment regulation, were filed in January and will be published this month in the Administrative Register of Kentucky. The amendments to the regulation were approved by the EPSB at its January meeting. To view the amendments to this regulation or any other EPSB regulation, please visit <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/kar/TITLE016.HTM>.

For more information about these proposed amendments or other EPSB regulations, please contact Alicia Sneed at [alicia.sneed@ky.gov](mailto:alicia.sneed@ky.gov).

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

- February 1 – KBE meeting
- February 2 – Senate Education Committee meeting
- February 6 – Ethics seminar at Kentucky Wesleyan College
- February 7 – House Education Committee meeting
- February 7 – Southeast/ South Central Educational Cooperative meeting
- February 7 – Standard Setting Study for Kentucky Principal Test
- February 8 – Northern Kentucky Cooperative for Educational Services meeting
- February 9 – Senate Education Committee meeting
- February 13 – Ohio Valley Educational Cooperative Personnel Directors' meeting
- February 14 – House Education Committee meeting
- February 15 – Kentucky Education Development Corporation (KEDC) meeting
- February 15 – Central Kentucky Educational Cooperative meeting
- February 16 – Senate Education Committee meeting
- February 16 – EPSB agency leadership meeting
- February 17/19 – American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education meeting (Chicago)
- February 21 – EPSB agency-wide staff meeting
- February 22 – Green River Regional Educational Cooperative (GRREC) meeting
- February 22 – Kentucky Valley Educational Cooperative meeting
- February 22/24 – Data Quality workshop (Nashville)
- February 23 – Senate Education Committee meeting
- February 27/29 – Architecture for Implementing the Common Core Standards Conference
- February 28 – House Education Committee meeting
- February 29 – Ohio Valley Educational Cooperative (OVEC) meeting