

MEMORANDUM

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

"The society which scorns excellence in plumbing as a humble activity and tolerates shoddiness in philosophy because it is an exalted activity will have neither good plumbing nor good philosophy: neither its pipes nor its theories will hold water." --- John W. Gardner

EPSB Data Dashboard

After a false start or two, I am glad to announce that the EPSB data dashboard is ready for your review. The dashboard will eventually have four categories of data available to the public: teacher preparation, ethics, certification, and educator work force. The current version of the dashboard has only the teacher preparation category, but we continue to work on the other categories as we have resources. EPSB Technology Branch Manager Scott Smith and his team have worked long hours with few resources to produce the dashboard, and I am very proud of their work.

Here is the link to the [Education Professional Standards Board Dashboard](#).

If you have any questions or suggestions, please email Scott at ScottA.Smith@ky.gov.

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 553 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.

On-line Certification for Emergency Certified Substitute Applications

Later this spring, the EPSB will be moving ALL districts in the state to an on-line process to certify Emergency Certified Substitute (ECS) teachers. These are currently certified at the district level using the TC-4 form, but the form and process will move to an on-line application for the 2012-13 school year. Currently, those districts who do utilize emergency substitutes complete a hard copy of the application form and keep it within the district, only sending those applications to the EPSB office when there is a character and fitness issue. This procedure will change for the 2012-13 school year, when all individuals who apply for the job with the district will also need to apply on-line with EPSB for a one-year ECS certificate. The new process runs each application through the EPSB database to detect any individuals who may have had an issue with an out-of-state teaching certificate. The new process should also assist local districts since EPSB will be issuing the ECS certificates.

The EPSB Division of Certification worked with HR directors in November 2011 to compile a mailing list of district contact persons who work with ECS teacher employment. This listing will be used to send information later in March regarding trainings for the new on-line certification system. All trainings, which will be done via webinars in mid-April, will be open to district HR directors and other personnel who work with hiring and/or data management issues related to ECS teachers.

The cooperation of the school districts is critical to this endeavor, as every school district using emergency substitute teachers will be required to convert all TC-4 applications to an on-line certification process for the next school year. More details and training dates will be sent to HR directors later this month.

Presenting to the MS State Board of Education

I am pleased to let you know that Scott Smith and I have been invited to make a presentation regarding the EPSB Data Dashboard to the Mississippi State Board of Education. The invitation came as a result of a conversation I had with Mississippi's State Superintendent, Dr. Tom Burnham, regarding the EPSB's commitment to developing a data dashboard. The Mississippi Board of Education will underwrite all traveling expenses. Scott and I will travel to Jackson, MS on March 13 to present first to a meeting of deans and chairs of education, and then on March 14 we will present to the Board of Education.

Change in Payments to Cooperating Teachers

Beginning in the fall of 2012, the EPSB will provide stipends only for those cooperating teachers whose student teachers are enrolled in Kentucky educator preparation programs. Cooperating teachers whose student teachers are from out-of-state institutions will not be eligible for EPSB stipends. Questions about this policy change may be directed to Sandra Stanley at sandra.stanley@ky.gov or Kim Walters-Parker at kim.walters-parker@ky.gov.

NOTE: This policy change does not affect KTIP mentor teachers.

Spring LEAD Report Due; HQ Teacher Report Begins March 1

Districts should sign off on their spring LEAD reports by Wednesday, February 29. This is an important date as the LEAD data will be used by EPSB staff to allow school principals to complete the annual Highly Qualified Teacher Report during the month of March. It is vital that districts ensure that updates have been made to the LEAD report so that accurate teacher

information will be given to principals to complete the HQT report. Please remind your principals that HQ documentation should be kept on file at each school for all permanent core area teachers in their buildings. Further information on HQT and determining HQ status may be found on the EPSB website at: <http://www.epsb.ky.gov/nclb.asp>.

NOTE: The recent announcement concerning the federal waiver of No Child Left Behind requirements for Kentucky does not affect the Teacher Quality portion of NCLB requirements; therefore, the HQ reporting will remain the same for Kentucky in the foreseeable future.

New Teacher Survey

New student teachers, cooperating teachers, and principals will be contacted to participate in the spring 2012 New Teacher Survey (NTS). In mid-March, participants will be sent information regarding the time lines. Interns and resource teachers will not be included in this administration since there are no spring internships. If you have any questions regarding the survey, please contact Ashley.Wink@ky.gov.

National Board for Professional Teaching Standards

National Board (NB) has allocated \$202,860 in federal subsidies for Kentucky teachers seeking NB certification in the 2012-2013 cycle. Those candidates who pay the initial \$500 enrollment fee will be eligible to receive a \$1,250 subsidy, which covers one-half the \$2,500 certification fee. Since the funds are limited, the subsidies will be disbursed on a first-come, first-served basis. Should you have questions regarding the federal subsidies for NB, please contact Teresa Moore at teresam.moore@ky.gov or visit the NB website at www.nbpts.org for registration and fee information.

Continuing Education Option (CEO)

The redesigned Continuing Education Option (CEO) program currently has fifty-five (55) candidates enrolled through one of three CEO sponsors: Central Kentucky Education Cooperative, Kentucky Education Development Cooperative, and Jessamine County School District. Teachers have forty-eight months to complete the portfolios and submit them for scoring. Only two cohorts of sixteen (16) teachers remain in the former CEO program. Those portfolios are due for submission by January 2013. CEO candidates who enrolled in 2008 or before have exhausted their time. Those who have exhausted their time but still wish to complete CEO will need to enroll in the new program, meeting its time lines and requirements. Those who completed CEO for Rank II are not eligible to enroll again for Rank I. If you have any questions regarding the CEO program, please contact Sharon.Salsman@ky.gov.

Ethics Seminars

If you would like to schedule an ethics seminar for your school or district, please contact Elise Borne at elise.borne@ky.gov. If your school district would like a member of the staff to present an ethics update during summer professional development days, please contact us early since July and August dates fill up fast.

This month, ethics seminars will be presented at the following locations:

Centre College	March 7
Murray State University	March 27

EPSB Represented at AACTE Conference

Educator Preparation Division Director Kim Walters-Parker attended the 64th Annual Meeting of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education. AACTE and the Kentucky affiliate, KACTE, provide opportunities for teacher educators to share expertise across institutions and learn about innovative practices in educator preparation. Kentucky institutions were well represented at the meeting, and several Kentucky educators presented sessions for their colleagues from across the country.

FYI: Meetings, Conferences, Etc.

- March 1 – Senate Education Committee meeting
- March 5 – EPSB regular meeting
- March 6 – House Education Committee meeting
- March 7 – EPSB staff leadership meeting
- March 6 – Southeast/South Central Education Cooperative meeting
- March 8 – Senate Education Committee meeting
- March 13 – House Education Committee meeting
- March 13/14 – Presentation to MS State BOE
- March 14 – Northern Kentucky Cooperative for Educational Services
- March 15 – Senate Education Committee Meeting
- March 20 – House Education Committee meeting
- March 21 – Kentucky Educational Development Cooperation meeting
- March 21 – Central Kentucky Educational Cooperative meeting
- March 22 – EPSB staff leadership meeting
- March 24/28 – Thomas More College accreditation visit
- March 27 – House Education Committee meeting
- March 28 – Ohio Valley Educational Cooperative meeting
- March 28 – Kentucky Valley Educational Cooperative
- March 28 – Western Kentucky Educational Cooperative