

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** The Education Professional Standards Board  
**COPY:** EPSB Education Partners  
EPSB Staff  
**FROM:** Phillip S. Rogers, Executive Director  
**DATE:** May 7, 2012  
**SUBJECT:** May 2012 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: EPSB Regular May Meeting Date Changed

The regular meeting date of the EPSB for May has been changed from Monday, May 14 to Tuesday, May 22. The change was required to accommodate district testing dates.

### REMINDER TO DISTRICTS: Don't forget training sessions for on-line TC-4 certification

As has been announced in previous update memos, the EPSB will be moving ALL districts in the state to an online 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 online application for the 2012-13 school year.

These trainings should last approximately two hours, and district personnel do not have to leave their buildings to participate in the trainings, which are scheduled for dates through May 16. (Contact [cindy.godsey@ky.gov](mailto:cindy.godsey@ky.gov) for more details.)

Anyone applying for a job as an emergency-certified substitute teacher with the district must also apply online with the EPSB for a one-year ECS certificate. The new process causes each application to run through the EPSB database to detect any individuals who may have had an issue with a teaching certificate from another state. We hope that issuing the certificates from the EPSB will also aid local districts.

Your cooperation with this endeavor is very important, as it will be a requirement that every school district using emergency substitute teachers convert all TC-4 applicants to an online certification process for the 2012-13 school year.

### Good News: National Board for Professional Teaching Standards

The National Board office in Washington originally announced that Kentucky would receive \$202,860 in federal subsidies for 2012-2013 to offset the \$2,500 cost for certification. However, in a recent visit to Kentucky, NBPTS representative Wil Parker was pleased to announce that because Kentucky has a history of continued support for National Board teachers, the funding for federal subsidies will be equal to or near last year's allotment. Kentucky teachers

participated in the \$525,000 of federal subsidies last year. EPSB staff will communicate the new allocation once the total is determined by NB.

In the current cycle (2011-2012) there are 340 first-time NBPTS candidates and 175 retake candidates. These candidates will be notified in December regarding their success in achieving National Board certification.

### **Presentation to the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE)**

At the April 20 meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education on the University of Kentucky campus, information about educator preparation initiatives and college readiness was presented by Dr. Cathy Gunn, Dean of Education at Morehead State University and Chair of the EPSB; Dr. Sam Evans, Dean of the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences at Western Kentucky University; and Dr. Kim Walters-Parker, Director of the Educator Preparation Division at the EPSB. Dr. Gunn described the work of the Assessment Academy at MSU, including extensive collaboration efforts among other institutions in the region. Dr. Evans and Dr. Walters-Parker outlined co-teaching initiatives in educator preparation, including a train-the-trainer opportunity to be offered this summer for representatives of educator preparation programs and their P-12 partners. Funding for both of those initiatives is being provided through the CPE.

### **TC-HQ and Adding Certification**

As the time has arrived to examine staffing needs in light of shrinking budgets, districts are reminded of the TC-HQ route to adding a core subject area certification for teachers in your district with an existing full professional certificate. This method is designed especially for secondary teachers who may be able to add a new core area to their certificates if they successfully complete the appropriate Praxis II test and at least 15 hours of approved course work in the new content area. Superintendent approval is necessary for teachers to add a new area, as this is a collaborative process which was designed to help districts in staffing. While the TC-HQ is not for everyone, it can be a valuable tool to make your staff more flexible to meet changing needs.

Complete information may be found at: <http://www.epsb.ky.gov/certification/tchq.asp>. The application forms are available to superintendents and human resources managers via the EPSB website.

### **Kentucky Association of Colleges for Teacher Education 2012 Spring Conference**

EPSB division directors and members of the Educator Preparation Division attended the Kentucky Association of Colleges for Teacher Education 2012 Spring Conference at the Kentucky State University Center for Sustainability of Farms and Families on April 26 and 27. KACTE members presented information about topics including strategies for meeting recent EPSB regulatory changes, using data to drive teacher preparation improvement, strategies for helping candidates succeed on required assessments, and addressing the Common Core and College and Career Readiness Standards in educator preparation. Dr. Paul Yoder, Chair of the Department of Education at Truman State University, provided the keynote, "Common Core Standards: Implementation in a Culture of Accountability and Accreditation."

### **EPSB Data Dashboard**

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](mailto:ScottA.Smith@ky.gov).

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

May 1 – Southeast/ South Central Educational Cooperative meeting

May 1/4 – State Consortium for Educator Effectiveness conference

May 1/4 – Educational Testing Service annual client meeting

May 4 – EPSB Derby Brunch

May 4 – Western Kentucky University Teacher Fair

May 9/11 – National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) Partnership  
Conference

May 15 – EPSB leadership staff meeting

May 21/22 – NCATE Commission on Standards and Performance Reporting meeting

May 22 – EPSB regular meeting

May 23 – Western Kentucky Educational Cooperative meeting

May 23 – Kentucky Valley Educational Cooperative meeting

May 28 – Memorial Day, EPSB office closed