

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** The Education Professional Standards Board  
**COPY:** EPSB Education Partners  
EPSB Staff  
**FROM:** Alicia A. Sneed, Acting Executive Director  
**DATE:** October 1, 2012  
**SUBJECT:** October 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: The next regularly scheduled meeting of the EPSB is Monday, October 15, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room A, 100 Airport Road, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Frankfort, Kentucky.**

### Employee Appreciation Week

October 1-5 is Employee Appreciation Week and it gives us a chance to honor the hardworking staff members at the EPSB. Each member of the EPSB staff gives 100% effort every day. In the past several years, the EPSB has suffered budget cuts and staff reductions, but we are still turning out the same amount of work, and in some cases, more work with less staff. Our certification specialists, the consultants working in the division of Professional Learning and Assessment, the hardworking staff who handle accreditation and program review, the legal staff, the information technology staff, and the hardworking crew in the executive office who make sure the phones are answered and the bills are paid, implement the board's policies and ensure the EPSB's goals are accomplished.

Thank you EPSB staff for all your hard work and determination!

### LEAD Reports due Soon

Districts are reminded that October is the month during which the LEAD report must be corrected, completed, and submitted to EPSB. Thursday, November 1, is the sign-off date, but districts may sign off earlier if all errors have been corrected. Superintendents should take a moment this month to speak with the LEAD coordinators and view the Preliminary Audit Report, which will show any critical errors such as out-of-field teachers, new teachers not yet in KTIP, and those with expired certificates.

## **Kentucky Leads the Nation**

Kentucky Leads the Nation is a project created by Kentucky's eight educational cooperatives and the Kentucky Department of Education to help inspire Kentucky's education partners to pursue new teaching and learning methods in the Commonwealth. On September 25, the first Kentucky Leads the Nation field trip was held at the amazing J.B. Atkinson Academy for Excellence in Louisville, Ky. This elementary school houses a clinical site for the University of Louisville's College of Education. The school staff works with UofL's faculty and teacher candidates to further their goal of ensuring that each student is one day closer to college readiness at the end of each school day. The students begin their day at a morning meeting which closes with them shouting out their expected college graduation date. Atkinson has even received national attention: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/21134540/vp/49156028#49156028>. Dr. Christine Sherrez, Associate Professor of Literacy at UofL, and Stefanie Nutter, the principal at Atkinson, work collaboratively to ensure that each child enrolled at the school has the skills and the desire to attend college!

Kentucky Leads the Nation will be visiting other innovative schools over the next year in an effort to showcase the amazing things our districts and colleges of education are doing. Atkinson is a great example of what districts and colleges of education can do when they work together. On October 26 and 27, Kentucky Leads the Nation is sponsoring a Creating a Culture of Innovation Summit at the Crowne Plaza Conference Center in Louisville to help districts think outside the box. In addition, the Kentucky Board of Education is promulgating regulations, in compliance with House Bill 37 passed during the 2012 General Assembly, for school districts to apply to be a "District of Innovation." This is a wonderful opportunity for school districts to pair with educator preparation programs to create transformative schools where the focus is college and career readiness.

## **Ethics Seminars**

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

Brescia College- October 1, 2012

Kentucky Wesleyan College- October 1, 2012

Kentucky Education Association, Hazard office- October 12, 2012

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).

## **NASDTEC Professional Practices Institute**

Several members of the legal division will be attending the NASDTEC Professional Practices Institute in Cincinnati, Ohio from October 17-19, 2012.

## **Kentucky Teacher Internship Program**

As of September 24, 2012, 238 slots were remaining for new teachers for the 2012-2013 academic year. The staff members of the division of Professional Learning and Assessment want to express appreciation to school districts for entering the COEs as quickly as possible. This is assisting in committees starting in a timely manner.

## **Written Assessments for Licensure: Computer Versions**

Many of the required certification assessments used by KY educators as provided by the Educational Testing Services (ETS) are offered in a computer version. Below are examples of assessments currently offered in paper/pencil and computer versions.

Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education (0023) or (5023)  
Middle School English Language Arts (0049) or (5049)  
Middle School Social Studies (0089) or (5089)  
Biology: Content Knowledge (0235) or (5235)  
Chemistry: Content Knowledge (0245) or (5245)  
Earth and Space Science: Content Knowledge (0571) or (5571)  
Mathematics: Content Knowledge (0061) or (5061)  
Physics: Content Knowledge (0265) or (5265)  
Social Studies: Content and Interpretation (0086) or (5086)  
Physical Education: Content and Design (0095) or (5095)  
Library Media Specialist (0311) or (5311)  
Special Education: Core Content Knowledge and Applications (0354) or (5354)  
Speech-Language Pathology (0330) or (5330)  
Special Education: Core Knowledge and Mild to Moderate Applications (0543) or (5543)  
Special Education: Core Knowledge and Severe to Profound Applications (0545) or (5545)  
Business Education (0101) or (5101)  
Family and Consumer Science (0121) or (5121)  
Reading Specialist (0301) or (5301)  
Teaching Reading (0204) or (5204)

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

October 1-5	EPSB Employee Appreciation Week
October 1	Master's Review Committee online meeting
October 3	Green River Regional Education Cooperative Meeting
October 2	South East/South Central Education Cooperative meeting
October 4/5	Continuing Education Option Scoring Session at the EPSB
October 10	Northern Kentucky Education Cooperative meeting
October 9	Kentucky Board of Education regular meeting
October 8	Interim Joint Committee/Subcommittee for Education meetings
October 8	ELL Coalition of Partners Meeting
October 9	PARC online meeting
October 11	Technical Assistance Visit to Boyce College
October 12	Unbridled Learning Coalition
October 15	EPSB regular meeting

October 16	UK Student Teacher Supervisor Meeting
October 18/19	NASDTEC Professional Practices Institute
October 19	Cross Agency Meeting with CPE and KDE
October 24	Western Kentucky Educational Cooperative meeting
October 24	Kentucky Valley Educational Cooperative meeting
October 24	Professional Learning Task Force
October 18/19	NCATE State Alliance for Clinical Practice and Partnerships
October 26/27	KY Leads the Nation Statewide Summit
October 28/30	Bellarmino Accreditation Visit
October 30	Governor's Summit on Competency-Based Credit
October 31	Ohio Valley Educational Cooperative meeting