

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** The Education Professional Standards Board  
**COPY:** EPSB Education Partners  
EPSB Staff  
**FROM:** Phillip S. Rogers, Executive Director  
**DATE:** July 29, 2011  
**SUBJECT:** August 2011 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 moral obligation of leadership is to think beyond your experience and plan beyond your tenure." -- Edward D. Barlow, Jr.*

### TC-4 On-line Certification Pilot Proceeding

As discussed in the last newsletter, EPSB staff is piloting on-line certification for emergency substitute teachers with Jefferson and Fayette counties this summer. As of mid-July, Jefferson and Fayette have submitted 2,778 TC-4 applications; 500 had been approved and 2,268 were pending applicant signature. Only nine of the applications submitted showed character and fitness issues to be reviewed by the Board. A more complete accounting of the final numbers and a review of the process will be done in the fall, with further plans being made to roll out this format for the entire state.

### National Board for Professional Teaching Standards: Renewals

Teachers who achieve National Board Certification must renew their NBPTS certification every ten years. As of July 13, the following represents the number of National Board teachers who have met the requirements to renew their NBPTS certification:

Original Issuance Year	Number Certified in Original Issuance Year	Renewal Year	Number of Renewals
1998	6	2008	2
1999	24	2009	11
2000	42	2010	11
2001	67	2011	19

## **ETS to Begin Administering the KYPT**

The Education Professional Standards Board administered the final state-administered Kentucky Principal's Test (KYPT) assessment on July 9. The Educational Testing Services (ETS) will begin registration for the KYPT on July 18 with first administration occurring on September 17, 2011. Candidates should log on to the ETS Website at <http://www.ets.org/sls/register/dates/> for registration information.

The September administration of both the SLLA and KYPT will be paper-based. Beginning in January, the SLLA and KYPT will be offered on computer during the windows listed below. Those tests can be taken at any Prometric Center or Strategic Testing Network site throughout Kentucky (or in any other state). While the SLLA will be offered only on computer, the KYPT will also be administered on paper in January, April and July. Those will be offered during the regularly scheduled administrations of the Praxis Series.

September 17, 2011

January 24-28, 2012

April 18-21, 2012

July 10-14, 2012

## **LEAD Trainings Go On-line**

For the first time, EPSB staff has been using its newly purchased Windows Live software to conduct the annual Local Educator Assignment Data (LEAD) report trainings for new and experienced coordinators during July. During the first of these trainings, a few persons experienced trouble logging into the training; however, those problems have been solved, and positive evaluations have been received. EPSB staff has received requests in the past to move to this type of training, and a majority of districts opted to try this delivery method. EPSB LEAD Coordinator Cindy Godsey did maintain two "in-person" training sessions this summer for those who preferred them, one in Frankfort and one in Louisville in conjunction with the KASA Annual Institute.

## **Accreditation Visits**

Northern Kentucky University, Western Kentucky University, and the ACES program in Jefferson County hosted successful Board of Examiners visits in the spring 2011 semester. Morehead State University and Spalding University will host visits this fall, and both are piloting the new NCATE Continuous Improvement visit procedures. The off-site reviews for both schools occurred this summer.

Beginning this fall with visits to Mid-Continent University and the University of Pikeville, Tony Campbell will be the primary state consultant for state-only accreditation visits. Allison Bell will continue as the primary state consultant for visits to institutions accredited by both NCATE and the state. Allison and Tony are both available to provide support to institutions as they prepare for accreditation visits. The visit schedule is available at <http://www.epsb.ky.gov/teacherprep/visit.asp>.

## **Title II Data Reporting**

In a change to Title II procedures, EPSB will now report both admissions data and exit data to ETS. Previously, we submitted only exit data. Tony Campbell will be providing exit data to the institutions and can answer questions about the change.

### **Update: Cooperating Teacher Payments**

The Cooperating Teacher Fund paid nearly \$500,000 to more than 3,500 teachers this year. Cooperating teachers are essential to ensuring high-quality student teaching experiences in our schools. The EPSB appreciates the work our cooperating teachers do and the effort our preparation programs put into student teaching placements to prepare our future teachers.

### **Update: The Program and Accreditation Review Committee (PARC)**

This group met twice this summer to discuss ways to improve the current program approval process, with the goal of developing a streamlined procedure that is more informative for reviewers and the institutions themselves. PARC will present preliminary recommendations regarding the program approval process to the EPSB in October and then turn its attention to revising the current accreditation process for Kentucky's teacher preparation programs. The committee is seeking ways to bring more value to accreditation while also automating the process.

PARC members and EPSB staff are closely monitoring changes in accreditation as NCATE consolidates with TEAC to form the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP).

### **Update: EPSB Regulations**

On July 11, 2011, the amendments to [16 KAR 6:030](#) became effective after they were reviewed by the Interim Joint Education Committee. The amendment transfers responsibility for administering the Kentucky Principals Test to the Education Testing Service.

Amendments to [16 KAR 2:010](#) and [16 KAR 4:060](#) were published in July for public comment. The proposed amendments updated the forms incorporated by reference in the two regulations, specifically the TC-1 and the TC-2. The regulations are scheduled to be reviewed by the Administrative Regulations Review Committee on August 15 at 1:30pm.

### **Ethics Seminars**

The staff of the Division of Legal Services will be delivering ethics seminars at the following locations in August:

Fayette County Public Schools	August 1 and 2
Morehead State University	August 5
Murray State University	August 8
Trimble County Schools	August 10
Boone County Schools	August 10
Asbury University	August 24

To schedule an ethics seminar for your school or class, please contact Elise Borne at [elise.borne@ky.gov](mailto:elise.borne@ky.gov).

### **Online Resource: Teacher-Student Boundary Issues**

At the NASDTEC Annual Conference, EPSB staff had the opportunity to review a new resource for helping teachers and administrators understand appropriate teacher-student relationships.

The division of the armed services responsible for certifying JROTC instructors worked with WILL Interactive, Inc. to produce a full-length interactive movie that allows users to make decisions and see the consequences of their ethical choices in dealing with boundary issues.

Please take time to review this new resource. You can access the free demo of “The Good Teacher” available online at <http://willinteractive.com/play/the-good-teacher>. To access the film use the username: educators and the password: demo2011.

### **Online Resource: Teachers and Online Social Media**

The Ontario College of Teachers released a Professional Advisory on social media that might be helpful to educators in navigating social media in today’s digital world. The advisory can be found at [http://www.oct.ca/publications/PDF/Prof\\_Adv\\_Soc\\_Media\\_EN.pdf](http://www.oct.ca/publications/PDF/Prof_Adv_Soc_Media_EN.pdf). This publication covers many of the issues facing teachers today and may be a good resource for you to share with educators in all areas of the profession.

If you have any questions, please free to contact Alicia A. Sneed at [alicia.sneed@ky.gov](mailto:alicia.sneed@ky.gov).

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

August 1 – EPSB regular meeting

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August 1/2 – Ethics seminar at Fayette County Public Schools

August 2 – Southeast/ South Central Educational Cooperative meeting

August 3 – Kentucky Board of Education retreat

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August 4 – Kentucky Board of Education regular meeting

August 5 – Ethics seminar at Morehead State University

August 8 – Ethics seminar at Murray State University

August 9 – EPSB staff leadership meeting

August 10 – Ethics seminar at Trimble County Schools

August 10 – Ethics seminar at Boone County Schools

August 15 – Redesigned Principal Program Review Committee meeting

August 15 – Administrative Regulation Review Subcommittee meeting (16 KAR 2:010 and 4:060)

August 16 – Graduate Kentucky meeting

August 17/19 – training for P-20 report system

August 19 – Committee for Mathematics Achievement

August 23 – EPSB staff leadership meeting

August 24 – Western Kentucky Educational Cooperative meeting

August 24 – Ethics seminar at Asbury University

August 25 – Interim Joint Committee on Education Appropriations and Revenue