

## **May/June 2013 EPSB Update Memo**

### **EPSB Mission**

*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.*

### **New Director of Professional Learning and Assessment**

We would like to welcome Ms. Donna Brockman, NBCT to the EPSB serving as director of the Division of Professional Learning and Assessment. Ms. Brockman has a variety of educational experiences at local, district, and state levels that include working with the Kentucky Teacher Internship Program (KTIP) and the Professional Growth and Effectiveness Systems. Among her roles at the EPSB are director of KTIP, Continuing Education Option, and educator assessments.

### **UK Scholarship Program for Alternative Route MSD Teachers**

The University of Kentucky has received a grant to aid districts that have a need for Moderate & Severe Disabilities teachers, which is traditionally a shortage area in Kentucky. Priority will be given to rural Eastern Kentucky districts, but the informational flyer does state that it is open to all. Specific information is available at the project's website at:

<http://education.uky.edu/EDSRC/content/pairsshome>.

### **NASDTEC Annual Conference June 9-11**

Members of EPSB's leadership staff will be in Austin, TX from June 9-11 to attend the conference of the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification. This organization is the only such group in the US which specifically serves those who work for state entities which certify teachers as well as those who prepare them in IHEs. The conference is open to all, and deans and chairs in KY institutions have been sent registration information. This year's conference planning committee has been chaired by EPSB's Mike Carr, vice-president of NASDTEC. Conference information may be found at: [https://nasdtec.site-ym.com/?page=PROMO\\_85\\_ANNUAL\\_CONF](https://nasdtec.site-ym.com/?page=PROMO_85_ANNUAL_CONF).

### **Kentucky Field Experience Tracking System (KFETS)**

The Kentucky Field Experience Tracking System (KFETS) is planning to go live late May or early June for the universities to pilot with their students. KFETS will be the tool used to collect the 200 hours of field experience required for admissions. The Universities and Colleges will have the ability extract the information for their data systems.

### **Federal Data System Grant Progress**

The technology staff has started the next phase of the Federal Grant objectives which includes the expansion of the admission and exit data systems to collect program data on advance graduate programs and automating of the college recommendations to ensure that the information being reporting in our admission and exit data systems aligns with the college recommendations process. These system modifications will improve the quality of data being provided to the State's Longitudinal Data System and also will be more efficient by reducing the amount of paper that EPSB receives and allows for quicker collection of additional information for the program review and accreditation processes.

### **CEO Announced for Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA)**

FRANKFORT, Ky. (April 24, 2013) — Dr. Carl Rollins of Midway has been named the executive director and chief executive officer of the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) and the Kentucky Higher Education Student Loan Corporation (KHESLC). We wish Dr. Rollins much success in his new role.

### **Ethics Seminars**

The Division of Legal Services provides ethics seminars to districts, school, colleges, universities, and education association groups at no charge. The staff tailors the seminar to the specific needs of each group. If you would like to schedule a member of the legal services staff to present to your faculty, staff, or membership, please contact Elise Borne at [elise.borne@ky.gov](mailto:elise.borne@ky.gov).

### **KTIP Resource Teacher Payments and Final Reports**

KTIP resource teachers should be submitting spring or full-year time sheets through the Intern Management System once all cycle committee meetings have been completed. EPSB staff have already begun submitting payments to those teachers who have submitted accurate documentation. The resource teacher time sheets require separate signatures from the Record of Teacher Internship Year (RTIY). If you have any questions, please contact [Sharon.Salsman@ky.gov](mailto:Sharon.Salsman@ky.gov) or [Sherri.Henley@ky.gov](mailto:Sherri.Henley@ky.gov).

### **Kentucky Association of Colleges of Teacher Education (KACTE)**

The Educator Preparation Division participated in the KACTE Spring Conference held at Thomas More College on April 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. EPSB Executive Director Robert Brown was among the guest speakers, who also included Dr. Terry Holliday, Mr. Robert King, and Dr. Anthony Ogden. Two panel presentations featured excellent collaboration among educator preparation programs. Dr. Elisabeth Rogers (Spalding University), Dr. Carol Ryan (Northern Kentucky University), Dr. Manish Sharma (Thomas More College), Dr. Alesa Walker (Murray State University), and Dr. Dottie Willis (Bellarmine University) described approaches to providing co-teaching training to their P-12 cooperating teachers and university supervisors. In a second panel, Dr. Walker joined Dr. Margaret Moore and Dr. Dorie Combs, both of Eastern Kentucky University, to discuss strategies and data management approaches for integrating required field experiences into initial certification programs. Congratulations to KACTE for providing another informative and collaborative opportunity for the educator preparation community.

### **Higher Education Accreditation Processes**

Because of ongoing changes in NCATE/CAEP accreditation processes, Educator Preparation Division staff will be presenting information to the board and are planning updates for higher education faculty and others interested in learning more about accreditation of educator preparation programs. These sessions will occur in the fall of 2013, possibly in conjunction with another meeting of likely participants. According to the CAEP web site, “After release of the revised CAEP Standards in 2013, there will be a transition period during which programs would be encouraged to use the new standards, but would continue to have the option to use NCATE or

TEAC standards. CAEP standards will become the norm as early as spring 2016 (date of self-study submission).” Additional information about the transition is available at <http://caepnet.org/about/transition-qa/> .

### **Cooperating Teacher Stipends**

The EPSB provides a stipend to cooperating teachers who guide student teachers in their classrooms. Funds will be sent to districts in May, and cooperating teachers may expect payment on a June paycheck. Although these stipends are modest, cooperating teachers perform an important and valued function in the preparation of Kentucky’s teachers. We want to thank our teachers for their expertise and valuable time to support our aspiring teachers.

### **Relay for Life**

On June 28 - 29 the EPSB staff will once again have a team participating in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Franklin County. The Division of Certification is organizing “Team Jen” in memory of Jennifer Upchurch (staffer Vicky Upchurch’s daughter). They have been busy fundraising for the event to fight back against cancer. Team Jen has a team goal of raising at least \$500. Thanks to team captain Norma Andrade. Best of luck to our dedicated staff!

### **FYI: May/June 2013 Meetings**

May 1/June 5 – Green River Regional Educational Cooperative  
May 2/3 – Educational Testing Services annual client meeting  
May 9 – Southern Regional Educational Board Conference  
May 7 – South East/South Central Educational Cooperative  
May 8/June 12 – Northern Kentucky Cooperative for Educational Services  
May 15/17 – CAEP Clinic  
May 15 – Central Kentucky Educational Cooperative  
May 22 – Western Kentucky Educational Cooperative  
May 22 – Kentucky Valley Educational Cooperative  
May 27 – Memorial Day, EPSB office closed  
May 28 - Kentucky Education Development Corporation Principal Meeting  
May 29 – Ohio Valley Educational Cooperative

June 6/7 – Kentucky Association of School Administrators Law Symposium

June 9/11 National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification  
Conference (NASDTEC)

June 10 – Prichard Committee Team Meeting on Teacher Effectiveness

June 19/21 – Let's TALK: Conversations about Effective Teaching Conference

**The next regularly scheduled meeting of the EPSB is Monday, May 13, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. in  
Conference Room A, 100 Airport Road, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Frankfort, Kentucky.**

EPSB meeting agendas may be found [here](#) one week prior to the meeting.