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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.

The EPSB Goals and Strategies may be found at <http://www.epsb.ky.gov/boardinfo/mission.asp>. The EPSB Strategic Plan may be found by clicking here: [Strategic Plan](#)

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Supporting Effective Educator Development (SEED)

The first meeting of the Kentucky Network to Transform Teaching (KyNT3), created in response to the Supporting Effective Educator Development Grant (SEED), which is a collaborative effort between the Kentucky Education Association (KEA), Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) and EPSB, was held on September 29, 2014. The event was well attended by both state and national education leaders. Kentucky's eight member KyNT3 team, representatives from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, members of the statewide NT3 Advisory Council, Kentucky National Board Certified Teachers, Kentucky General Assembly representatives and Governor Steve Beshear's office, charted the future of the KyNT3. The full press release may be found at the following link: <http://www.epsb.ky.gov/doc/nt3.pdf>

Kentucky Core Academic Standards Challenge

The Kentucky Department of Education, in cooperation with education advocacy groups across the state, kicked off the [Kentucky Core Academic Standards Challenge](#), a process for collecting feedback on the English/language arts and mathematics standards adopted in 2010. The standards represent the level of knowledge and expected skill application for K-12 public school students at each grade level. Between now and April 30, 2015, P-12 teachers, higher education representatives, parents, students and others who are interested can go to <http://kentucky.statestandards.org> to read the grade level standards in English/language arts and mathematics and provide their response. The standards are searchable by subject, grade level and key word. Participants may make suggestions about moving the standard to another grade level, splitting the standard, creating a new standard or rewriting the standard as it currently exists.

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. November 1, 2014, 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. With questions regarding the LEAD report, contact Cindy.Godsey@ky.gov.

Kentucky Teacher Internship Program (KTIP)

As of August 28, 2014, EPSB staff members have approved 2,441 internships. To ensure new teachers are provided opportunity to complete KTIP during the first-year, budget bill language has once again allowed for reducing out-of-class hours to 40 mentoring hours for 2014 - 2105.

University staff members have posted KTIP training information which may be accessed on our Website at: <http://www.epsb.ky.gov/IMSTraining/ImsTraininginfo.aspx>.

Though there are interns piloting the alignment of the KTIP and PGES process, all other interns will participate in KTIP as usual. *Interns in KTIP are not required to complete the PGES process during the 2014-2015 school year.*

For assistance or if you have questions regarding KTIP, please contact Sharon.Salsman@ky.gov or Sherri.Henley@ky.gov.

Assessments for School Principals

The Educational Testing Services hosts several computer-based assessment windows for the Kentucky Specialty Test of Instructional and Administrative Practices (KYPT) and the School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA). Additional information regarding the assessments, including registration, may be found at <http://www.ets.org/sls/states/ky>. Please contact Ashley.Wink@ky.gov if you have any questions.

KYPT (6015, computer-based)

December 8 – 20, 2014

March 9 – 21, 2015

June 15 – 27, 2015

SLLA (6011, computer-based)

October 6 – 18, 2014

November 3 – 15, 2014

December 8 – 20, 2014

January 12 – 24, 2015

February 9 – 21, 2015

March 9 – 21, 2015

April 6 – 18, 2015

May 11 – 23, 2015

June 15 – 27, 2015

July 13 – 25, 2015

August 10 – 22, 2015

Background Checks for all New Educators

Beginning January 1, 2015, all applicants for a first-time teaching certificate in Kentucky will need to submit a criminal background check with their applications for certification. Since this is a new requirement, the EPSB has chosen to use the same background check required for employment or student teaching in Kentucky to avoid additional expenses for the applicants and the school districts.

Student teachers may submit a copy of the background check required by the school district in KRS 160.380(5) to meet this new requirement. For school districts, this means that your student teachers will be requesting a copy of their background checks from you prior to applying for certification. The EPSB asks that if you have any questions concerning providing copies of the background checks to student teachers that you contact Alicia Sneed at Alicia.Sneed@ky.gov.

Additionally, districts will need to provide copies of background checks to the EPSB when applying on the behalf of individuals for first-time emergency substitute certificates, temporary provisional certificates, and emergency certificates. The EPSB only needs a copy of the background check necessary for employment and this is only for individuals who are not currently certified in Kentucky. We know that districts hire individuals on a probationary basis while awaiting the background check, but once the background check is received the EPSB will need a copy to finalize the application process for each individual.

The transition process will begin in January in order to help staff minimize problems that might be experienced by our school districts and educator preparation programs. Please check the *EPSB Update Memo* over the next few months for additional information regarding the new background check requirements.

Ethics Seminars

The EPSB Division of Legal Services offers free ethics seminars to schools, school districts, colleges, universities, and other education groups. Additionally, the division posts recent presentations for public use on the EPSB website at <http://www.epsb.ky.gov/legal/ethics.asp>.

If you wish to schedule an ethics seminar or need additional resources for your organization, please contact Elise Borne at Elise.Borne@ky.gov.

October 2014 Meetings

October 2 – TELL Survey Advisory Committee
October 3 – Ohio Valley Educational Cooperative Personnel Directors Meeting
October 6/11 – State Employees Appreciation Week
October 7 – Kentucky Board of Education
October 9 – Southeast/South-Central Education Cooperative
October 13 – Interim Joint Committee on Education
October 15 – Northern Kentucky Cooperative for Educational Services
October 15 – Central Kentucky Educational Cooperative
October 15 – Kentucky Education Develop Collaborative
October 16, 17 – Green River Educational Cooperative Retreat
October 22 – Western Kentucky Education Cooperative
October 22 – Kentucky Valley Educational Cooperative
October 23, 24 – Appalachian Renaissance Initiative's Advisory Council Meeting (KVEC)
October 28 – State NTEP Meeting
October 29 – Ohio Valley Educational Cooperative
October 29,30 – NASDTEC Professional Practices Institute

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the EPSB is Monday, October 13, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. EDT in Conference Room A, 100 Airport Road, 3rd Floor, Frankfort, Kentucky.
EPSB meeting agendas may be found [here](#) one week prior to the meeting.

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