



## February 2013 EPSB Update Memo

**TO:** The Education Professional Standards Board

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EPSB Staff

**FROM:** Robert L. Brown, Executive Director

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### **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.*

### **Spring LEAD Report Due at End of February; HQ Teacher Report Begins March 1**

Districts should sign off on their spring LEAD reports by Thursday, February 28. This is an important date as this data will be used by EPSB staff to allow school principals to complete the annual Highly Qualified Teacher Report during the month of March. It is vital that districts ensure that updates have been made to the LEAD report so that accurate teacher information will be given to principals to complete the HQT report. Please remind your principals that HQ documentation should be kept on file at each school for all permanent core area teachers in their buildings. Further information on HQT and determining HQ status may be found on the EPSB website at <http://www.epsb.ky.gov/nclb.asp>.

Please remember that the federal waiver of No Child Left Behind requirements for Kentucky does **not** affect the Teacher Quality portion of NCLB requirements; therefore, the HQ reporting will remain the same for Kentucky in the foreseeable future.

### **National Board for Professional Teaching Standards**

Kentucky is ranked 7<sup>th</sup> in the number of teachers earning National Board Certification in the class of 2012. The top ten states with the highest number of teachers achieving National Board Certification in 2012 were North Carolina, Washington, Illinois, California, Arkansas, South Carolina, Kentucky, Virginia, Maryland, and New York. Nationally, 4,980 teachers achieved certification. This brings the total certified up to 102,237. Kentucky has made tremendous progress and is ranked 10<sup>th</sup> overall in the total number of teachers in the U.S having earned National Board Certification. For information

regarding the 75% reimbursement for those who have successfully completed during the last cycle, please contact [Sherri.Henley@ky.gov](mailto:Sherri.Henley@ky.gov).

We congratulate all teachers who have successfully received this prestigious certification.

### **National Board ePortfolio Process**

The National Board has announced that beginning February 1, 2013 those candidates enrolled in the 2012 – 2013 cycle will participate in an electronic portfolio submission process. The ePortfolio will simplify and enhance the way candidates compile and submit material for scoring. First-time candidates, retake and renewal candidates, and *Take One!* participants will use this new system. The release describing the ePortfolio process may be accessed at [National Board ePortfolio](#). For more information, candidates should call 1-800-22-TEACH.

### **Reminder of Action Necessary for Persons Holding Level I Principal Credentials**

Superintendents and human resources managers may wish to continue publicizing the following information in local district communications so that Level I principal credential holders may contact their advisors at the university where the Level I credential was gained. The EPSB Division of Certification sent letters to these credential holders in February and December 2012 regarding this issue; however, it is possible that everyone has not yet received the message.

*All Kentucky school principal preparation programs have recently moved to a 30-hour POST-Master's requirement. Current Level I credentials were likely earned via the completion of a Master's level program. Current EPSB regulations state that all coursework, including that required for Level II programs, for the Master's level programs must be completed before **JANUARY 31, 2014**.*

Level I credentials may only be renewed by completing the Level II program. It is to the advantage of all Level I administrative credential holders to complete all Level II coursework (usually 6-9 credit hours, depending upon the university) as soon as possible and no later than January 2014. Completion of the Level II program will renew this credential, add up to five more years to the expiration date, and will prevent having to take the substantially higher number of credit hours required by all of the newly approved post-Master's preparation programs.

After the January 31, 2014 deadline, universities will not be able to make the Level II recommendations without the completion of the new post-Master's requirements. Level I credential holders are urged to make plans now to complete the requirements for Level II.

### **Teaching, Empowering, Leading, and Learning (TELL) KY Survey**

The Kentucky Department of Education will host the second administration of the TELL Kentucky Survey during a four-week window between March 4 – March 29. The TELL Survey is open to all school-based, licensed educators, including administrators, and other instructional staff across the state. By hearing directly from educators, schools have the opportunity to make data-driven decisions that make all schools great places to work and learn. The TELL Kentucky Survey and additional information may be accessed by visiting [www.tellkentucky.org](http://www.tellkentucky.org).

## **Teaching is Learning**

In early January, Educator Preparation Division Director Kim Walters-Parker participated with a team of Kentucky educators in *Teaching is Learning: Developing Systems for Teacher Support and Improvement*, a conference sponsored by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Vicki Phillips, a Western Kentucky University education graduate and Director of Education, College Ready in the United States, for the Gates Foundation, addressed the attendees regarding the Foundation's mission and shared inspiring personal anecdotes about the important role Kentucky teachers played in her early years in Falls of Rough, Kentucky. Participants worked in state teams to gather and share information about continuing efforts to ensure all students have excellent teachers, including innovative strategies, tools, and resources for collecting and analyzing classroom data.

## **Congratulations, Darren Stewart!**

With a heavy heart, we say farewell to Darren Stewart who is retiring on February 28 from the EPSB. Darren, who works in our Information Systems Branch, has been an integral part of the EPSB's research and development team and simply an amazing staff member. He has kept our data bases running, our applications moving, and made sure our computers functioned properly. Darren is a 24 year veteran of state government, and we have been lucky to have him the last eight years. We are going to miss him, and we wish him the best on any future endeavors of his life and career.

## **Ethics Seminars**

The Division of Legal Services will be conducting ethics seminars at the following locations this month:

Brescia University	2/6/2013
University of Louisville	2/6/2013
University of Louisville	2/7/2013
Brescia University/Kentucky Wesleyan College	2/11/2013
Western Kentucky University	2/11/2013
Union College	2/12-13/2013
Western Kentucky University	2/22/2013
University of Louisville	2/26/2013

The seminars are provided to schools, districts, and universities free of charge. If you would like to schedule an ethics seminar for your organization, contact Elise Borne at [elise.borne@ky.gov](mailto:elise.borne@ky.gov)

## **FYI: February Meetings**

February 5, 2013 – South East/South Central Educational Cooperative meeting  
February 6, 2013 – Green River Regional Educational Cooperative meeting  
February 13, 2013 – Northern Kentucky Cooperative for Educational Services meeting  
February 15, 2013 – Committee for the Enforcement of an Ethical Educator Workforce meeting  
February 15, 2013 – Kentucky Advisory Council on Internship meeting  
February 19, 2013 – Teacher of Exceptional Children Committee meeting  
February 20, 2013 – Central Kentucky Educational Cooperative meeting  
February 20-21, 2013 – Kentucky Educational Development Corporation meeting  
February 27, 2013 – Kentucky Valley Educational Cooperative meeting  
February 27, 2013 – Western Kentucky Educational Cooperative meeting  
February 27, 2013 – Ohio Valley Educational Cooperative meeting

**The next regularly scheduled meeting of the EPSB is Monday, March 4, 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.

