

April 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.

HQ Teacher Report Now Due

Districts should sign off and finalize their Highly Qualified Teacher reports by Friday, March 29. Superintendents and/or HR Directors should check with your principals to ensure that all HQT reports have been submitted to the EPSB website application and that HQ documentation is kept on file at each school for all permanent core area teachers in their buildings. Please remember that the information collected in March will be used throughout the year by the Kentucky Department of Education to determine federal funding and School Report Card data throughout the 2013-14 school year.

Further information on HQT and determining HQ status may be found on the EPSB website at: <http://www.epsb.ky.gov/nclb.asp>.

TC-HQ and Adding Certification

As the time has arrived to examine your staffing needs and in light of shrinking budgets, districts are reminded of the TC-HQ route to adding a core subject area certification for teachers in your district with an existing full professional certificate. This method is designed especially for secondary teachers who may be able to add a new core subject area to their certificate if they successfully complete the appropriate Praxis II test and at least 15 hours of approved course work in the new content area. Superintendent approval is necessary for teachers to add a new subject area, as this is a collaborative process which was designed to help districts in staffing. While the TC-HQ is not for everyone, it can be a valuable tool to make your staff more flexible to meet changing needs.

Complete information may be found at: <http://www.epsb.ky.gov/certification/tchq.asp>, and the application forms are available to superintendents and human resources managers via the EPSB website.

Division of Certification Plans to Visit April Job Fairs

Teacher recruiting job fairs will be held this month by OVEC at its Shelbyville office on Friday, April 19 from Noon-4:00 p.m. and by GRREC at the WKU's Knicely Conference Center from 9:00 a.m.-Noon on Friday, April 26. Plans call for EPSB's Mike Carr, director of certification, to attend both of these events to talk with interested teachers about Kentucky certification as well as to discuss any issues with district representatives who attend.

Council for the Accreditation of Education Preparation (CAEP)

Allison Bell, Lauren Graves, and Kim Walters-Parker from the EPSB's Educator Preparation Division and Alicia Sneed, director of legal services, attended the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) Spring 2013 Conference on March 14 and 15. NCATE and TEAC continue working toward full consolidation to form CAEP, and March 29 is the deadline for feedback on the draft CAEP accreditation standards. Comments regarding the draft standards may be submitted online at <http://standards.caepnet.org/main.php>.

Alliance for Clinical Teacher Preparation

Kentucky was one of 13 member states represented at a meeting of the Alliance for Clinical Teacher Preparation March 19 and 20. Morehead State University Professional Partnership Network faculty member Kim Nettleton, PPN graduate and Mt. Sterling Elementary third grade teacher Erin Ashcraft, and Educator Preparation Division Director Kim Walters-Parker participated in the meeting. Participants developed recommendations for implementing clinically based educator preparation.

Program and Accreditation Review Committee to Meet

On April 11, the Program and Accreditation Review Committee will meet to review feedback on a new program review template. PARC was chartered to improve the effectiveness and

efficiency of both the program review and accreditation processes. Continuous improvement has emerged as a theme of PARC's work.

National Board for Professional Teaching Standards

The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards is developing a Supporting Effective Educator Development (SEED) grant proposal. Kentucky has been identified as a pilot site should the grant be provided to National Board. The goal of the SEED grant proposal is to increase the effectiveness of teachers in high need schools and strengthen the academic achievement of their students. Working through a network of state and district sites, the project will pilot cost-effective and sustainable strategies to develop and deploy significant numbers of National Board Certified Teachers in instructional and instructional leadership roles to improve educator effectiveness, strengthen student achievement, and promote cultures of continuous professional improvement in schools serving large concentrations of high-need students. Each site will focus on locally determined improvement priorities, such as strengthening STEM instruction and implementing the Common Core. EPSB, KEA, and KDE have been collaborating to provide needed information for the NB grant.

Teacher Assessments Multi-State Standard Setting Studies

The Education Testing Services (ETS) hosted several recent multi-state standard setting studies in Princeton, NJ, including: *Middle School English Language Arts*, *English Language Arts: Content Knowledge*, and *English Language Arts: Content and Analysis*. Michael Morgan, Murray State University, Jody Fernandez, Morehead State University, and Kelly Neal, Bondurant Middle School, represented Kentucky on these committees. The final technical reports for these assessments will be available to the EPSB staff in April.

2013 Legislative Session Concludes

With the conclusion of the 2013 Legislative session also comes news of key legislation passage. We are happy to report that the EPSB, KBE and CPE all had Gubernatorial appointee board members confirmed. As of today, 110 pieces of legislation have been signed by the Governor. They can be reviewed on the LRC website at: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/13RS/PAS_L.htm.

A few of the key Education bills which passed this session are:

- SB 64 will ensure that students earning KEES funds aren't penalized in the amount of scholarship money they receive if they graduate early from high school in three years.
- SB 97 will allow school districts to increase the compulsory attendance age to 18 beginning in the 2015 school year. Districts that do so must have programs and resources in place for students at-risk of not graduating. The increased compulsory attendance age will become mandatory statewide four years after 55 percent of Kentucky school districts adopt it.
- HB 180 requires a statewide evaluation system be developed (Professional Growth and Effectiveness) for all certified personnel. The Department of Education, in consultation with teacher and principal steering committees, will develop the system prior to the 2014-2015 school year.
- HB 240 creates the Office for Education and Workforce Statistics and the Board of the Kentucky Center for Education and Workforce Statistics (formerly the P 20 data collaborative). Clarifies which public agencies shall contribute education and workforce data to the system (KDE, CPE, Early Childhood Advisory Council, EPSB, KHEAA, KY Commission on Proprietary Education and other agencies of the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet). Senate bill 83 also passed.

FYI: April Meetings

April 9, 2013 – South East/South Central Educational Cooperative

April 10, 2013 – Northern Kentucky Cooperative for Educational Services

April 10 - 12, 2013 – State Consortium of Educator Effectiveness Summit

April 23, 2013 – Central Kentucky Educational Cooperative

April 17 - 18, 2013 – Kentucky Educational Development Corporation

April 24, 2013 – Kentucky Valley Educational Cooperative

April 24, 2013 – Western Kentucky Educational Cooperative

April 24, 2013 – Ohio Valley Educational Cooperative

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, 3rd Floor, Frankfort, Kentucky.

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