Option 6 Alternative Certification Regulation Update Workshop for Kentucky School District and Higher Education Personnel

Presented by the Kentucky Education Professional Standards Board

Tuesday, July 15, 2014

9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. EDT: Option 6 update for School District Personnel 11:30 a.m. - 4:30 pm. EDT: Option 6 update for Higher Education Personnel *Attendees are welcome to participate in both sessions.*

This meeting will be held in Frankfort, with the site to be determined based on registration.

P-12 school and district personnel: Please attend to learn about the regulatory requirements and district responsibilities associated with hiring Option 6 alternative certification candidates.

Higher education personnel: Please attend to learn about the regulatory requirements and responsibilities associated with offering Option 6 alternative certification programs.

If you are involved in hiring or supervising Option 6 candidates in your school/district or if you are responsible for an Option 6 program at a Kentucky college or university, please plan to attend this update workshop. The morning session for district personnel will be followed by a joint session for district and higher education personnel. Lunch will be provided during the joint session. The day will conclude with a session for higher education.

Several changes to <u>16 KAR 9:080</u>, the regulation that governs university-based alternative teacher certification programs in Kentucky, took effect December 6, 2013. Affected programs are those that allow an individual to enroll in a preparation program concurrently with employment as a teacher of record in a district. These programs are often referred to as *Option 6* programs, *alternative certification* programs, or simply alt cert programs. Option 6 programs are not traditional teacher preparation programs distinguished only by being offered at the graduate level: a candidate in an Option 6 program must be concurrently employed as a teacher of record.

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Please register online via Survey Monkey at Option 6 Training Registration Survey.

