



## EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD

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### KTIP 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary/KTIP 30 Years Strong

KTIP was the first of its kind in the country due to its depth and level of support for new teachers. It has gone through various revisions to keep it current with best practices. Now KTIP has been aligned with PGES so that a teacher candidate will learn about the system during his/her teacher preparation program, into the induction year and throughout his/her career. This single system that goes from pre-service through induction, to career is also a first for the country.

### KTIP Committee Training Update

There are 102 training sessions scheduled across the state by the 8 public universities throughout the summer and early fall. Please ensure that KTIP committee members complete both the online homework and the face-to-face training. Principals who are TeachScape Certified only have to complete the online homework. Specific face-to-face training information is located on the EPSB website at

<http://www.kyepsb.net/epsb.webapps/ims/imstraining/IMSTrainingInfo.aspx>

### Supporting Effective Educator Development/KY Network to Transform Teaching (SEED/KYNT3)

Our work with the SEED/KYNT3 grant continues to make gains with National Board Certification. The budget proposal of over \$1 million was accepted. This program is designed to support teacher candidates in achieving national board certification and support teachers in teacher leadership. KRS 161.131(2) states, "The General Assembly establishes, on behalf of the public school teachers and students in the Commonwealth, a goal that by the year 2020 there will be at least one (1) national board certified teacher in every public school in Kentucky." This grant is to help us reach that goal. Please visit the KYNT3 website at <http://kynt3.org/> to find out how your district and schools can be involved.

### Background Checks Slowing Certification Process

We are monitoring the submission of background checks as part of the initial certification process. All student teachers within the state were required to have a background check completed prior to their placement. Those are not the concern. The latency applies primarily to out of state individuals that are moving to Kentucky. For out of state people trying to get certified, the completion and receipt of the background checks is causing a delay in their ability to receive a KY certificate. If they do the electronic process in which their hand is scanned, the turnaround time is approximately two weeks. If they do the manual process of the fingerprints being taken on a card, the response time of the background check can take up to 8 weeks. This, in turn is slowing the ability for them to find employment.

### Executive Director Search Update

Full information concerning the application process and timeline for selection of the next executive director for the EPSB can be found at <http://epsb.ky.gov/EDvacancy.asp>. The deadline

to apply is June 30, 2015 and screening will follow that date with final interviews projected to occur on October 12, 2015.

#### Disciplinary Regulation Re-Write Committee Update

The committee will meet twice (July 13 and July 28) prior to the EPSB regular meeting on August 10, 2015. At the August 10 meeting the committee plans to present a regulation for consideration by the board.

#### Superintendent Notification

The following message was sent to superintendents via email on June 11, 2015.

*"At the June 8, 2015 regular meeting of the Education Professional Standards Board, the board voted 7 to 5 to suspend the practice of placing an icon in the Kentucky Educator Certification Inquiry system when a complaint is filed against a certificate holder until the EPSB's regulation re-write committee, which is currently working on a Kentucky Administrative Regulation to govern the educator disciplinary process, has completed the rewritten regulation. More information about this process will be posted as it becomes available."*

There are two (2) items commonly referred to as "flagging" within EPSB.

1. Probable Cause, which is the placing of an icon with the information concerning the teacher on KECI which has a caution sign followed by "Complaint Pending at EPSB for Board Review."
2. A statement on the certificate and on KECI indicating the dates of a revocation or suspension. This has not been removed.

Open records requests can be made, but to expedite the process, we suggest that superintendents only request information on candidates they hope to hire, not all applicants.

It is also suggested that superintendents include a question on their application that follows this general outline: "Have you ever had, or do you currently have, a pending complaint before the education professional standards board in Kentucky or the equivalent board in another state?" Superintendents are encouraged to work with their local legal counsel on the exact wording of this question.