Education Professional Standards Board

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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.

The EPSB Goals, Strategies, Policies, Procedures, Strategic Plan and Annual Report may be found at http://www.epsb.ky.gov/boardinfo/mission.asp.

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EPSB Board Officers

The EPSB would like to congratulate Dr. Anthony Strong, Superintendent of Pendleton County Schools, who was elected as the new chair of the EPSB and Dr. David Whaley, Dean of the College of Education and Human Services at Murray State University, as the new vice chair. Both have years of experience in education and service on the Board. We want to thank Ms. Cassandra Webb and Dr. Mary John O'Hair who are the outgoing chair and vice chair respectively. Their work in these roles has proven invaluable to the Board. We are happy that they remain on the Board and will provide tremendous guidance as the EPSB continues to promote high levels of student achievement through quality educator preparation programs and certification.

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, 2015, 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 EPSBLEADTEAM@ky.gov.

NBCT Applicants May Qualify for Reimbursement

The Kentucky Network to Transform Teaching (KYNT3) is offering financial assistance to teachers pursuing National Board certification who are from schools without National Board Certified Teachers.

To help achieve the goal outlined in a Kentucky statute of having one National Board Certified Teacher in every Kentucky school by 2020, KYNT3 will reimburse qualified candidates for up to $275 in out-of-pocket expenses after the submission of one NBCT component for as long as grant funding allows and in the order applications are received.

Click here for an application, or email Suzanne Farmer for more information.

New Record for the Division of Certification

Typically, summer has always been the busiest time of the year the Division of Certification. The past two years, however, have been record setting years for the Division of Certification. From January 01, 2014 to September 15, 2014, the division processed 103,445 credentials. This year from January 01, 2015 to September 15, 2015, the division has processed 127,398.

Disciplinary Regulation Rewrite Committee

16 KAR 1:030 Procedures for certificate revocation, suspension, reinstatement and reissuance, and application denial was presented to the EPSB at the August 10, 2015, Board meeting. The EPSB held a special called meeting on Monday, September 14, 2015, to further review the draft regulation and discuss any changes that may be necessary. The regulation is scheduled to be presented again at the October 12, 2015, regular Board meeting. Once the Board takes action, the regulation will go through the required Legislative Research Commission process for approval.

Praxis Assessments

The ETS website now reflects all assessment changes for the 2015-2016 testing year. New assessments went into effect September 1, 2015. Please have candidates check the ETS website before registering for an assessment to verify paper-based or computer-based administration (paper-based assessments will need to undergo a special administration process). For more information, please contact Bobbie.Biby@ky.gov.

Combatting Inappropriate Student-Teacher Relationship Task Force

The Combating Inappropriate Student-Teacher Relationships Task Force will hold its first meeting on Tuesday, November 17, 2015, at 10:00 AM EST at the EPSB Offices. The task force will convene key

stakeholders with the purpose of reviewing current practices and policies relating to inappropriate student-teacher relationships and making recommendations to combat such relationships.

Online Educator Complaint System

The Online Educator Complaint System, which is part of the EPSB Strategic Plan, is up and running. It will assist the expediting of work within our Division of Legal Services. Superintendents now have access to the system and have the ability to assign a person within the district (e.g., a human resource director) to be her/his designee to submit items. We ask that you start using this system to report educator misconduct. When a report is submitted, the person filing the report receives a confirmation email. Access to the system is through the EPSB web login.

Meetings Across the State

10/6/2015	KBE	Board Meeting
10/8/2015	SESC	Board Meeting
10/8/2015	CPE	Kentucky Rising Teacher Preparation Work Group
10/11/2015	EPSB	Special Called Board Meeting
10/12/2015	EPSB	Board Meeting
10/12/2015	KACTE	Meeting Following EPSB Board Meeting
10/14/2015	NKCES	Board Meeting
10/15-16/2015	GRREC	Board Meeting
10/19-20/2015	KAAC	Scott Trimble Assessment Workshop
10/21-22/2015	KEDC	Board Meeting
10/21/2015	CKEC	Board Meeting
10/23/2015	CPE	IEQ RFP Scoring
10/26/2015	CPE	Kentucky Rising Steering Committee Meeting
10/28/2015	OVEC	Board Meeting
10/28/2015	WKEC	Board Meeting
10/28/2015	KVEC	Board Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the EPSB is Monday, October 12, 2015, at 9:00 AM (EDT) in Conference Room A, 100 Airport Road, 3rd Floor, and Frankfort, Kentucky. There will be a Sunday night Special Called Meeting on the evening of October 11, 2015, time to be determined.

EPSB Regular Meeting Agendas may be found one week prior to the meeting at http://www.epsb.ky.gov/boardinfo/meetingagendas.asp.