



# 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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## **Happy Holidays**

During this time of reflection and celebration, the staff at EPSB wishes everyone a joyful, blessed and restful season.

## **Kentucky Teacher Internship Program**

Fall KTIP Resource Teacher timesheets are due by December 20, 2015. The Resource Teacher, Intern, Principal, and District KTIP Coordinator must all review and electronically sign the timesheet in order for payment to be processed. Any timesheets not submitted with all signatures by January 15, 2016 will be changed to full year and payment will be made in the spring.

## **New Teacher Survey**

Instructions for completing the Fall 2015 New Teacher Survey have been emailed to all current student teachers, cooperating teachers, and principals. The deadline for completion has been extended to the close of business, December 4, 2015. Please encourage your appropriate district personnel to participate in this important survey. Survey results and feedback will be shared with educator preparation programs at Kentucky colleges and universities as they work to improve their programs. For assistance or



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questions regarding the New Teacher Survey, please contact [Bobbie.Biby@ky.gov](mailto:Bobbie.Biby@ky.gov) or [Donna.Brockman@ky.gov](mailto:Donna.Brockman@ky.gov).

## **ETS Title II Reporting Services**

It is imperative that Institutions of Higher Education (IHE) maintain an appropriate primary account user on the ETS Title II webpage in order to maintain Title II communications between ETS and the institution. If a primary user leaves the institution or changes roles, he/she must contact ETS by email at [TLClientServices@ets.org](mailto:TLClientServices@ets.org) in order to have his/her account removed. It is important for a new primary user to create an account as soon as possible so loss of communication does not occur.

## **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 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](mailto:Suzanne.Farmer@ky.gov) for more information.

## **Combating Inappropriate Student-Teacher Relationship Task Force**

The Combating Inappropriate Student-Teacher Relationships Task Force held its first meeting on Tuesday, November 17, 2015. The task force made tremendous progress in identifying areas of concern and where to focus its work. The task force will reconvene in January. The purpose of the task force is to review current practices and policies relating to inappropriate student-educator relationships and make recommendations to combat such relationships.

## **Online Educator Complaint System**

This is a reminder to all district superintendents and human resource directors that the Online Educator Complaint System is up and running. This electronic reporting system is designed to assist districts with filing educator complaints and will expedite the process for resolving complaints 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](#).



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## Meetings Across the State

12/1/2015	KCEWS Board Meeting
12/6-8/2015	KASS Winter Conference
12/8/2015	Kentucky Gubernatorial Inauguration (all state offices are closed)
12/8/2015	EPSB Pre-visit to Brescia University
12/8/2015	IHE-MSD State Meeting
12/9/2015	KBE Board Meeting
12/9/2015	EPSB KTIP Regional Coordinators Meeting
12/9/2015	NKCES Board Meeting
12/10/2015	SESC Board Meeting
12/14/2015	EPSB Board Meeting
12/14/2015	KACTE Meeting Following EPSB Board Meeting
12/15/2015	EPSB Accreditation Audit Committee meeting
12/16/2015	EPSB Technical Assistance Visit to Boyce College
12/16/2015	GRREC Board Meeting
12/16/2015	OVEC Board Meeting
12/16/2015	WKEC Board Meeting
12/17/2015	KDE District of Innovation Application Review Meeting
12/22/2015	EPSB Professionals in Practice Human Resource Directors Regional Meeting
12/24-25/2015	All state government offices closed
12/31/2015	All state government offices closed
1/1/2016	All state government offices closed
1/6/2016	GRREC Board Meeting
1/12/2016	KY Rising Steering Committee Meeting
1/13/2016	NKCES Board Meeting
1/14/2016	SESC Board Meeting
1/20/2016	CKEC Board Meeting
1/20-21/2016	KEDC Board Meeting
1/22/2016	KYNT3 Advisory Committee Meeting
1/27/2016	OVEC Board Meeting
1/27/2016	KVEC Board Meeting
1/27/2016	WKEC Board Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the EPSB is Monday, December 14, 2015, at 9:00 AM (EST) in Conference Room A, 100 Airport Road, 3rd Floor, and Frankfort, Kentucky.

EPSB meeting agendas may be found one week prior to the meeting at <http://www.epsb.ky.gov/boardinfo/meetingagendas.asp>.