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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New National Board Certified Teachers Recognition Event

On Tuesday, March 8, 2016, teachers who earned National Board Certification in December 2015 will be honored during a recognition ceremony in the State Capitol Rotunda and recognized by the General Assembly. Each newly certified National Board Teacher will be invited to bring his or her principal or superintendent to this event as a special guest. Letters of invitation and event details will be mailed in early February to all new NBCTs. Questions may be directed to Marcie Lowe at Marcie.Lowe@ky.gov.

Update from the Kentucky Teacher Internship Program (KTIP)

The following link will take you to an update article written by Donna Brockman in the January edition of the NGP Newsletter.
http://education.ky.gov/teachers/PGES/Documents/January%20NGP%20Newsletter-Superintendent%20Edition.pdf.

New Certification Application Forms

Please be aware that we are in the process of transitioning to the new CA series forms. Several of the remaining forms were approved in regulation during the December meeting. The old TC version of the

forms will be replaced by the new CA version. The only exceptions at this time are the TC-32 and the TC-161 forms. Once the new CA versions are loaded in the Forms Library in KECI, you will be able to access the new forms. If you have saved prior TC forms to your workstation or have made photocopies, please discard and discontinue use of those forms. For any of the old TC forms that may be in process currently, we will still accept the old version through the end of January. Beginning February 1, 2016, we will only accept the CA version of the most recently updated forms.

Spring LEAD and Highly Qualified Report

Spring LEAD reporting opened on Monday, January, 11, 2016, and closes on Monday, February, 29, 2016. That will be the last day for districts to sign off and submit their reports. Highly Qualified reporting opens March 1, 2016, and continues through March 31, 2016.

Staff Update

After nearly thirty (30) years of service to state government and nineteen (19) years with the EPSB, Ms. Mona Curtsinger retired at the end of January. Her commitment and service to this agency and the staff and students of our schools and districts is very much appreciated and will be missed. We wish her well in this next phase of her life.

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 for more information.

Combatting Inappropriate Student-Teacher Relationship Task Force

The Combating Inappropriate Student-Educator Relationships Task Force will meet on Tuesday, February 2, 2016, at 11:00 a.m. EST at the EPSB offices in Frankfort. The task force made tremendous progress at its first meeting in identifying areas of concern and where to focus its work. 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.

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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.

Meetings Across the State

2/2/2016	Legislature	House Education Committee Meeting
2/2/2016	EPSB	Combating Inappropriate Student Educator Relationships Task Force
2/3/2016	GRREC	Board Meeting
2/3/2016	KBE	Board Meeting
2/4/2016	Legislature	Senate Education Committee Meeting
2/9/2016	Legislature	House Education Committee Meeting
2/10/2016	NKCES	Board Meeting
2/11/2016	SESC	Board Meeting
2/11/2016	Legislature	Senate Education Committee Meeting
2/14-17/2016	EPSB	Brescia University Accreditation Visit
2/16/2016	Legislature	House Education Committee Meeting
2/17/2016	CKEC	Board Meeting
2/17-18/2016	KEDC	Board Meeting
2/17-19/2016	NTEP	Cohort Meeting
2/18/2016	Legislature	Senate Education Committee Meeting
2/19/2016	EPSB	Special Called Board Meeting
2/19/2016	KACTE	Meeting Following EPSB Board Meeting
2/23/2016	Legislature	House Education Committee Meeting
2/23/2016	KDE	Unbridled Learning Guiding Coalition
2/23-25/2016	AACTE	Annual Conference
2/23-25/2016	National Board	Learning Session
2/24/2016	OVEC	Board Meeting
2/24/2016	KVEC	Board Meeting
2/24/2016	WKEC	Board Meeting
2/25/2016	Legislature	Senate Education Committee Meeting
2/26-28/2016	KSBA	Annual Conference

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The next scheduled meeting of the EPSB is Friday, February 19, 2016, at 9:00 AM (EST) in Conference Room A, 100 Airport Road, 3rd Floor, in Frankfort, Kentucky. This meeting is a special called meeting since it is not on the regularly scheduled meeting calendar.

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