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Re: Combatting Inappropriate Student-Teacher Relationships Task Force Recommendations

Background

The Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) chartered the Combating Inappropriate Student-Teacher Relationships Task Force at its meeting on June 8, 2015. The task force convened key stakeholders with the purpose of reviewing current practices and policies relating to inappropriate student-teacher relationships and making recommendations to combat such relationships.

Objective

The Task Force's objective was to develop and recommend to the Education Professional Standards Board policies and or procedures that could work toward preventing inappropriate student-educator relationships.

Outcome

Within three (3) identified areas: 1) the educator; 2) the student; and 3) the parent/guardian, the Task Force developed ten (10) recommendations for various state agencies, organizations, districts and schools to consider for implementation. Four of these recommendations are being made directly to the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) for consideration.

Recommendations from the Task Force for KBE

Recommendation B: The Kentucky Department of Education, where appropriate, should utilize the state educator code of ethics to develop regulations that would support school districts in employee discipline for a violation.

Agency or Organization(s): KDE

Suggested Timeline: This item should follow the revision of the state educator code of ethics (Recommendation A)

Recommendation F: Develop a model student code of rights and appropriate boundaries that districts could add to their student codes of conduct.

Agency or Organization(s): KDE

Suggested Timeline: 2017-2018 school year

Recommendation G: Develop a research-based curriculum to help students understand the concept of appropriate boundaries.

Agency or Organization(s): KDE

Suggested Timeline: Develop and pilot in the 2016-2017 school year; Implement in the 2017-2018 school year

Recommendation H: Provide for parents and guardians a concise list of expectations for school staff when communicating and interacting with students including electronic communications.

Agency or Organization(s): School Districts, KDE, KYPTA

Suggested Timeline: Fall 2016

Additional Information

Along with this information, please find the summary and full report from the Combating Inappropriate Student-Teacher Relationships Task Force.