

## **KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

### **STAFF NOTE**

#### **Information Item:**

Recommendations from the Certification Structure Workgroup

#### **Rationale:**

This presentation will give the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) a summary of the work accomplished by the Certification Structure Workgroup and the resulting recommendations.

#### **Applicable Statute or Regulation:**

KRS 161.028, 16 KAR 2:010

#### **History/Background:**

***Existing Policy:*** One of the EPSB's goals is that every certified position in a Kentucky public school is staffed by a properly credentialed educator. In furtherance of this goal, the EPSB will undertake a continuous review of the certification structure to ensure that it aligns with the Kentucky academic standards and the workforce needs to best serve the students of the Commonwealth. The EPSB shall also monitor the validity and reliability of certification assessments and maintain a focus on continuous improvement for all certification procedures and processes.

Following a presentation on the current certification structure at the October 2024 EPSB meeting, staff from the Office of Educator Licensure and Effectiveness developed a Certification Structure Workgroup to research and discuss current certification grade bands and determine if the current structure meets the needs of Kentucky schools and districts.

***Summary:*** At the meeting, the EPSB will hear a summary of the work accomplished by the Certification Structure Workgroup. Recommendations from the workgroup related to Kentucky's grade bands will also be presented.

***Budget Impact:*** There is no budgetary impact at this time.

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