

# KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

## STAFF NOTE

### Action Item:

Option 1 Alternative Route to Certification Application for Amanda Walden

### Action Question:

Should the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) approve the alternative route to certification application?

### Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KRS 161.028, KRS 161.030, KRS 161.048, 16 KAR 9:010

### History/Background:

**Existing Policy:** The applicant must meet a minimum grade point average (GPA) requirement and must have either a major in the academic area or a passing score on the academic content assessment. Under recent updates to KRS 161.048, applicants are no longer required to have a job offer but must have one year of successful teaching experience and recommendation from the employing district before issuance of the professional certificate.

**Summary:** Amanda Walden submitted the application and portfolio seeking certification through the Option 1, Exceptional Work Experience Alternative Route to Teacher Certification. Dr. Walden is requesting that the EPSB approve her application for certification in the area of **Biology and Chemistry, Grades 8-12**. The application and portfolio are included under separate cover for EPSB review.

**Budget Impact:** There is no budgetary impact.

### Groups Consulted and Brief Summary of Responses:

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The applicant meets the minimum GPA requirement in the academic area. The EPSB will need to determine if the applicant's work experience constitutes exceptional work experience.

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