

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Action Item:

Option 1 Alternative Route to Certification Application for Tyra Dunn-Thomas

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: Tyra Dunn-Thomas submitted the application and portfolio seeking certification through the Option 1, Exceptional Work Experience Alternative Route to Teacher Certification. Dr. Dunn-Thomas is requesting that the EPSB approve her application for certification in the areas of **Middle Grades Science, Grades 5 through 9, and Biology, Grades 8 through 12**. The application and portfolio are included for EPSB review.

Budget Impact: There is no budgetary impact.

Group Consulted and Brief Summary of Response:

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

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