

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Action Item/Discussion Item:

Option 1 Alternative Route to Certification Application for Joshua Werkman

Action Question:

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

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

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

History/Background:

Existing Policy: The applicant must meet a minimum GPA requirement and must either have a major in the academic area or 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: Mr. Joshua Werkman has submitted the CA-265 application and portfolio seeking certification through the Option 1, Exceptional Work Experience Alternative Route to Teacher Certification. Mr. Werkman is requesting that the board approve his application for certification in the area of **Teaching Biology, Grades 8-12, and Middle Grades Science, Grades 5-9**. The application and portfolio have been provided for review by the EPSB but will be sent under separate cover.

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 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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