

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** The Education Professional Standards Board

**FROM:** Phillip S. Rogers, Executive Director

**DATE:** May 4, 2006

**SUBJECT:** May Board Update Letter

The May agenda book went out the door Monday right on time (if you don't have yours by Friday please call Ashley). The May meeting is filled with interesting and important issues for your discussion and consideration. We are pleased with how the EPSB fared in the legislative session. By the time we meet on May 15, the Governor's veto period will have passed, and we will have a final review for you.

Currently our staff is busy as final reports for KTIP, KPIP, and cooperating teachers are coming in, and the applications for teaching certificates for new teachers begin to pick up. I know you are all busy as well, especially our teachers who have just completed another testing period. I am appreciative that in spite of your busyness, you all seem to be able to give us your best each time we meet.

I thought you would also want to know that yesterday Education Cabinet Secretary Ginni Fox had surgery. She has been diagnosed with uterine cancer but the prognosis report is very positive. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

### **New EPSB Member Appointed**

I am pleased to inform you that on April 13, 2006, by Executive Order Governor Fletcher appointed Ms. Zenaida M. Smith to the Education Professional Standards Board. Zenaida teaches Spanish at Raceland-Worthington High School in Raceland, Kentucky. Please join me in welcoming her to the EPSB. Just in case you would like to drop Zenaida an email, you can reach her at [zsmith@raceland.k12.ky.us](mailto:zsmith@raceland.k12.ky.us).

### **Spring 2005 LEAD Report**

This was the first year in several years we have required a Spring LEAD report. The LEAD reporting period ran during the month of February, ending on March 1, so the Highly Qualified Reporting period could begin on March 2. Doing a Spring LEAD Report meant that districts had the most current data to work with for their Highly Qualified Teacher Reports, making that information more accurate than in years past.

At the end of the Spring LEAD report, 99.78% of all assignments cleared. The two largest areas of errors were "*Never Certified*" and "*Holds only SOE*." The majority of those falling in the "*Never Certified*" category were vacant positions that were not yet filled by the end of the LEAD reporting period. Those showing with a "*Holds only SOE*" error were mostly late hires who were unable to participate in KTIP because they would not have enough time to complete the semester.

## **Code of Ethics Brochure Distribution**

As of this date we have 93 districts who have requested 23,000 copies of the EPSB Code of Ethics brochures to distribute to their faculty during opening day meetings this fall.

## **Meetings, Etc.**

Here are some meetings EPSB staff will be participating in during the month of May:

- May 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> - Annual reviews of all Leadership staff
- May 2<sup>nd</sup> - SE/SC meeting (Location TBA)
- May 3<sup>rd</sup> - GRREC at Bowling Green
- May 3<sup>rd</sup> - NKCES meeting (Cold Springs)
- May 3<sup>rd</sup> - Ethics Training at Butler County
- May 4<sup>th</sup> - KACI meeting (Frankfort)
- May 5<sup>th</sup> - Agency-wide meeting and Derby Brunch
- May 7<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> - CCSSO meeting (Washington, DC)
- May 9<sup>th</sup> - EPSB Leadership staff meeting
- May 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> - Kentucky Board of Education Meeting
- May 10<sup>th</sup> - Powerful Communication Seminar (Legal Services Division)
- May 12<sup>th</sup> - Math Committee Meeting
- May 14<sup>th</sup> - EPSB Goals Committee at 4:00 P.M.
- May 15<sup>th</sup> - EPSB Meeting
- May 16<sup>th</sup> - K-ITEP Meeting
- May 16<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> - NCATE Partnership Clinic
- May 17<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> - SREB Leadership Conference (Atlanta)
- May 17<sup>th</sup> - KEDC Meeting (Lexington)
- May 17<sup>th</sup> - CKEC meeting (Lexington)
- May 18<sup>th</sup> - TQ Symposium at ECU
- May 19<sup>th</sup> - NB Advisory Council Meeting (Frankfort)
- May 23<sup>rd</sup> - OVEC meeting (Shelbyville)
- May 23<sup>rd</sup> - EPSB Leadership staff meeting
- May 24<sup>th</sup> - WKEC meeting (Brandon Springs)
- May 24<sup>th</sup> - KVEC meeting, (Hazard)
- May 29<sup>th</sup> - EPSB office closed for Memorial Day
- June 1<sup>st</sup> - CEO Advisory Council (tentative date)

NOTE: See end of letter for a complete list of acronyms and abbreviations.

## **Reliability scoring of new KTIP Teacher Performance Assessments**

On June 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> a group of over 100 teachers, administrators, and teacher educators will gather to review the latest draft of the new KTIP Teacher Performance assessments and participate in establishing scoring reliability. All EPSB members are invited. Please let Ashley know if you would like to attend.

## **EPSB Teacher Quality Research Conference**

I would like to invite you to a research conference sponsored by our TQEG on June 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> to discuss recent inquiries by Kentucky scholars into matters of teacher quality. The gathering will be held on the afternoon of Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup> and morning of Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup> just north of Lexington at Spindletop Hall, a splendid renovated mansion and popular meeting/retreat center owned and operated by the University of Kentucky.

Education researchers from around Kentucky will be coming together to review the outcomes of the 6 projects funded through the EPSB federal Teacher Quality Enhancement Grant. You all are welcome to attend and, of course, we will cover all of your expenses. If you would like to attend, please let Ashley know, and she will make the arrangements for you.

### **2005 HQ Teachers Report**

All schools have submitted their 2005-2006 report on highly qualified teachers. As most of you know, this report is required as part of the federal No Child Left Behind Act. This year 96.9% of all core content courses (as defined by NCLB) were taught by teachers who meet the federal definition of a highly qualified teacher. This is up about one percent over last year. A full report will be presented to you during the June retreat.

### **Elizabeth Springate serves on Ohio NCATE team**

Elizabeth Springate, an Education Consultant with our Division of Educator Preparation, was recently asked to serve as a team member on an NCATE visit to Rio Grande University, in Rio Grande, Ohio. She will be one of 4 NCATE team members along with 2 OH Dept of Ed staff to take part in Rio Grande's first visit for NCATE accreditation. After working as a consultant on many visits here in Kentucky this will be her first out-of-state experience on an NCATE team.

Remember if you're interested in participating in the Board of Examiner training this summer please contact Marilyn Troupe as soon as possible.

### **Another successful March of Dimes Campaign**

Once again EPSB staff proves that we are the "little agency with a BIG heart." Our goal for the annual March of Dimes campaign was \$1,200, up from the \$1,017 we raised last year. Through a variety of very creative fund raising activities and increasing the number of walkers from our usual 3 to 9, we were able to raise \$1,500 for this very worthy cause!

Each year, at the request of the Governor, state agencies participate in three charitable fund raising activities: the Kentucky Employee Charitable Campaign (KECC), Bowl for Kids Sake, and the March of Dimes. This year we raised a total of \$10,881. I am proud our staff's creativity and generosity.

### **Acronyms and abbreviations:**

*CCSSO – Council of Chief State School Officers*  
*CEO – Continuing Education Option*  
*CKEC – Central Kentucky Education Cooperative*  
*GRREC – Green River Regional Education Cooperative*  
*KACI – Kentucky Advisory Council on Internships*

*KEDC – Kentucky Education Development Cooperative*  
*K-ITTEP – Kentucky –Information Technology in Educator Preparation*  
*KVEC – Kentucky Valley Education Cooperative*  
*NCATE – National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education*  
*NKCES – Northern Kentucky Cooperative for Educational Services*  
*OVEC – Ohio Valley Education Cooperative*  
*SE/SC – South East/South Central Education Cooperative*  
*SREB – Southern Region Education Board*  
*TQEG – Teacher Quality Enhancement Grant*  
*WKEC – Western Kentucky Education Cooperative*