

Office of Professional Preparation Services
DARTEP Update
February 3, 2017

SECTION I: MDE UPDATES

1. Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

- ESSA Notes: http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/ESSA_Notes_11-10-16_541483_7.pdf
- To stay up to date on MDE's ESSA activity, visit:
<http://www.michigan.gov/essa>

SECTION II: OPPTS UPDATES

1. EPI Performance Score Updates

- Due to a delay in processing the educator effectiveness data, the Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI) has not yet furnished OPPTS with educator effectiveness data.
- As of January 31 OPPTS received the educator effectiveness data and as such, expects to distribute the raw data reports by February 6, 2017, with an appeals window extended to February 27, 2017.
- Final reports for educator effectiveness will then be distributed at the beginning of March.
- In addition, reports on survey results from the Cooperating Teacher (CT) and Year-Out (YO) surveys will be made available during the second half of February. Please note these two surveys do not contribute to the EPI Performance Score.
- The Fall/Winter 2016 surveys were scheduled to close on Feb. 3. However, due to EPI extension requests and continued calls regarding survey completions the closing date has been extended to February 15, at 11:59. If you wish to review your survey data prior to closure please contact Dana Utterback at utterbackD@michigan.gov.
- The OPPTS is suggesting each EPI consider creating a generic email address for receiving all Qualtrics Survey/Vocalize information, rather than using a personal email of a specified designee. As such, this would offer EPIs the option of allowing multiple individuals access, as well as control of updating staff access as changes occur.
- 2017 EPI Performance scores are expected to be made available to EPI designees on the Qualtrics Vocalize system by **March 31, 2017**. Your designated user will receive logon information during the second half of March.
- The Qualtrics Vocalize system will also display historical EPI Score information for your preparation program.

2. Teacher Licensure Assessment Request for Proposals (RFP) Updates

- Bids from prospective vendors will arrive on or before January 31, 2017. The OPPS expects two bidders to have responded.
- Joint Evaluation Committees (JECs) have been convened for **February 9 and 10, 2017**. The purpose of the JECs is to review vendor bids and use a scoring system to establish a winning bidder. Besides personnel from the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) and the Department of Technology, Management, and Budget (DTMB), a representative from higher education and a representative from K-12 education have been invited to participate.
- The official starting date of the contract period for the winning bidder is **April 1, 2017**. At that time, a notification regarding new test fees will be sent to all preparation programs.

3. Title II Data Collection Updates

- Michigan's teacher preparation programs are in the contact rostering process in anticipation an early **February 2017** opening of reporting phase for their Institutional and Program Report Cards (IPRC). After the system is open, the deadline for submission of required Title II data to the Westat reporting site will be **April 30, 2017**.
- After the IPRC report deadline has been reached, the State Review Period commences, with the OPPS able to review submitted data for inconsistencies or errors.
- Please contact Preston Hicks (HicksP@michigan.gov) for any assistance you may need with data collection.

4. World Language Program Review

- Applications for review of existing world language programs against the new standards are due **March 30, 2017**. Applications must be sent electronically to educatorprograms@michigan.gov.
- MDE will initiate closing procedures for any existing programs for which applications are not received by this deadline.
- One application should be sent per language program, and common elements may be consolidated across applications. The program review fee is \$300 per application, up to 4 applications; an additional fee of \$300 will be assessed if submitting more than 4 applications.
- Each EPI submitting applications for review must nominate at least one individual to serve as a reviewer. Submit nominations online at <http://tinyurl.com/WLPR2017>. Reviewer orientation will be held via webinar in April-May 2017 (date and time to be announced).
- Please contact Sean Kottke (KottkeS@michigan.gov) for any assistance you may need with program review applications.

5. OPPS Staff Update

- It is with both sadness and excitement to announce Rajah Smart has accepted a new position. He has moved into the Office of Education Improvement and Innovation (OEII) to work more closely with K-12 school districts. We are sad to see him go, but happy to support him in a new opportunity.
- Rajah's position of Higher Education Consultant has not yet been filled, but we are hoping to fill the vacancy soon.
- Until this position is filled, Dr. Catherine Wigent and Dr. Sean Kottke will be the contacts for all endorsement program review. The list of Program Review Contact Information, is available at:
http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Program_Consultant_040914_469111_7.pdf

6. Teacher Leader Programs & Advanced Professional Certificate (APC) Eligibility

- The OPPS is receiving many calls from individuals asking if their Master's degree was a teacher leader program. The OPPS staff are sending these individuals back to the EPP where their program was completed **IF** it is not on the current and [updated list](#) (or was completed 10+ years ago).
- Questions about the eligibility for the APC can be directed to Krista Ried (517-373-6791 or riedk@michigan.gov). Questions about the approval of the teacher leader programs can be directed to Sarah-Kate LaVan (lavans@michigan.gov).

7. Status of Administrative Rule Revisions

- The OPPS is still making the necessary edits to the Administrative Rules and will submit them to Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) within the next month.
- JCAR must be in session to move on the rules and they have not been in session at this point (translated: no rush on our part). We anticipate the rules being submitted by the end of March, however, with the changes and programming requirements necessary in MOECS, the implementation timeline and effective date of rules needs to be carefully thought out.
- Be patient with us as we work through these challenges. Questions about this status can be directed to Krista Ried (517-373-6791 or riedk@michigan.gov).

8. Use of Substitute Experience for Progression to the Professional Certificate

- There has been a lot of talk about tightening up the experience requirement needed to progress to the Professional certificate. It is important to note, as you are advising your educators, that the change disallowing substitute teaching experience (experience without evaluation, without mentoring & induction, and without the professional development afforded to regularly employed teachers) would be implemented with the approval of the Rules AND, most importantly, with the change in the Provisional certificate to the "Standard" certificate with UNLIMITED renewals.
- There has been an unnecessary sense of panic from unemployed teachers or teachers who are working as substitutes that they will lose their Provisional. Please speak with Krista Ried (517-373-6791 or riedk@michigan.gov) if you have specific questions on how to advise your educators.

SECTION III: OPPS REMINDERS

1. Accreditation

Facebook group for "CAEP Accreditation in Michigan" is designed as a forum to share innovations and ideas related to CAEP accreditation for Michigan educator preparation programs. This group is also designed as a space to ask questions and get advice from colleagues working through the accreditation process as well as the opportunity to tap into the knowledge and experience of colleagues who have gone through CAEP accreditation. Please search Facebook groups for "CAEP Accreditation in Michigan" or contact Dr. Catherine Wigent at WigentC@Michigan.gov.

2. Diagnosis and Remediation of Reading Courses:

The MDE no longer accepts letters from EPIs substituting or waiving course work for individual students. For inquires related to special circumstances, please contact Dr. Sean Kottke at KottkeS@michigan.gov.

3. CPR/First Aid

According to the revised school code (380.1531d), candidates recommended for initial teaching certificates must hold a valid certification in the areas of first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Please see the following link for information on the legislative requirements and the list of MDE approved providers: http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-5683_14795-75289--,00.html. Additionally, please ensure all candidates recommended for initial teaching certification to the MDE hold valid CPR/First Aid certification cards at the time of application and subsequent recommendation for certification.

4. MDE/EPI Distribution Lists

If you have staff changes within your Education Office, including certification officers, please contact Katie Schmiedeknecht at SchmiedeknechtK@Michigan.gov to update our distribution lists accordingly.

5. DARTEP Listserv

If you wish to have someone added or removed, please use the following link: <https://list.emich.edu/mailman/listinfo/dartep>.

6. Certificate Corrections

Certificate correction or modification requests by colleges and universities must be emailed to MDE-CertCorrections@michigan.gov . Also note, on Oct. 6, 2016, each Certification Officer/Administrator received an updated Cert Change Request form, and instructions from Dana Utterback. If you are unable to find the previous email sent please feel free to contact Dana at UtterbackD@michigan.gov.

7. April 30, Program Applications

April 30, 2017, is the deadline for submitting new program applications. Please submit all applications to educatorprograms@michigan.gov.