

**Office of Professional Preparation Services**  
**DARTEP Update**  
**April 7, 2017**

SECTION I: LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

- [HB 4315](#) **Diploma** (Griffin) A bill to provide for 21<sup>st</sup> century skills credit requirements for a high school diploma was introduced and referred to the House Workforce and Talent Development Committee.
- [HB 4316](#) **Diploma** (VanderWall) A bill to strike foreign language and other requirements and replace with 21<sup>st</sup> century skills requirements for a high school diploma was introduced and referred to the House Workforce and Talent Development Committee.
- [HB 4317](#) **Diploma** (Hauck) A bill to allow Michigan occupational safety and health administration (MIOSHA) safety training as an alternative to the health credit requirement for a high school diploma under certain circumstances was introduced and referred to the House Workforce and Talent Development Committee.
- [HB 4318](#) **Curriculum** (Howell) A bill to revise the mathematics requirement to require either algebra II or statistics for the Michigan Merit Curriculum was introduced and referred to the House Workforce and Talent Development Committee.
- [HB 4324](#) **Parent Participation** (Love) A bill to allow parents with certain felony records to participate at school programs was introduced and referred to the House Education Reform Committee.
- [HB 4327](#) **Public School Academies** (Chang) A bill to allow geographic preference for charter school enrollment for low-income pupils was introduced and referred to the House Education Reform Committee.
- [HB 4337](#) **School Start Date** (Johnson) A bill to eliminate restrictions on school start date was introduced and referred to the House Education Reform Committee.
- [HB 4340](#) **Internet** (Kosowski) A bill to require internet filtering, technology utilization, and digital citizenship policies and education in schools was introduced and referred to the House Education Reform Committee.
- [SB 103](#) **Attendance** (Schuitmaker) A bill to modify compulsory attendance requirements to prohibit suspension or expulsion of a child based solely for being truant or chronically absent was reported out of

the Senate Families, Seniors, and Human Services Committee with substitute S-2 and referred to the Senate Committee of the Whole.

- [SB 104](#) **Attendance** (Schuitmaker) A bill to provide for an intervention policy for truant or chronically absent students was reported out of the Senate Families, Seniors, and Human Services Committee with substitute S-1 and referred to the Senate Committee of the Whole.
- [SB 105](#) **Attendance** (Emmons) A bill to revise the reporting of suspensions, expulsions, truancy, and absenteeism was reported out of the Senate Families, Seniors, and Human Services Committee with substitute S-1 and referred to the Senate Committee of the Whole.
- [SB 106](#) **Attendance** (Emmons) A bill to modify the jurisdiction of a court regarding truancy and chronic absenteeism was reported out of the Senate Families, Seniors, and Human Services Committee and referred to the Senate Committee of the Whole.
- The Senate Education Committee will meet on March 14, 2017 to consider [SB 27](#) and [SB 174](#).
- [HB 4069](#) **Substitute Teaching** (Tedder) A bill to revise the college credit requirements from 90 to 60 for individuals to serve as substitute teachers was introduced and referred to the House Education Reform Committee
- [HB 4084](#) **Professional Certification** (Tedder) A bill to eliminate the reading disability diagnostics course requirement for teacher professional certification was introduced and referred to the House Education Reform Committee.
- [HB 4085](#) **Professional Development** (Tedder) A bill to allow qualifying professional development days or hours for teachers to be counted as pupil instructional time was introduced and referred to the House Education Reform Committee.
- [SJR A](#) **School Aid Funds** (Jones) A joint resolution to strike higher education from the permissible uses of school aid funds from the state constitution was introduced and referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee.
- [SB 4181](#) – **school counselor; continuing education** Reiteration of the same bill(s) presented before, adding specific career and college ready language and requirements to the school counselor standards that would result in an immediate need for standard revisions.
- [SB79](#) – **interim teaching certificate; nonendorsed teachers** An attempt to expand the nearly unattainable/useless “1223b Permit” (MCL

380.1233b) to include new subject areas, put additional restrictions on teachers of Hebrew and add aspects of CTE that don't quite fit.

- [HB 4234 Budget](#) (Kelly) A bill to provide for the FY 2017-18 Department of Education budget was introduced and referred to the House Appropriations Committee.
- [HB 4235 Budget](#) (Kelly) A bill to provide for the FY 2017-18 school aid appropriations budget was introduced and referred to the House Appropriations Committee.
- [HB 4250 Kindergarten enrollment](#) (Soweby) A bill to provide for the mandatory enrollment in kindergarten and full-day kindergarten and revise the age of attendance to at least age 5 was introduced and referred to the House Education Reform Committee.
- [SB0198 – Music education](#) (Hertel); a bill to require music education, meeting specific criteria, in every elementary school

## SECTION II: MDE UPDATES

### **1. Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)**

- ESSA Notes:  
[http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/ESSA\\_Notes\\_11-10-16\\_541483\\_7.pdf](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 III: OPPTS UPDATES

### **1. EPI Performance Score Updates**

- The 2017 EPI Performance Score has been approved for display on the Qualtrics Vocalize dashboard system. The Vocalize dashboard will not only show your program's 2017 score, but it will also display the scores from the previous three reporting years.
- Your institution set up a user email with the MDE this past month. On or before April 14, 2017, a link and your institutions password will be sent to your user email for access to the dashboard. Instructions will also be included so you can download and print scores from any of the reporting years.
- On or before April 14, 2017, your institution will also receive the Year Out and Cooperating Teacher reports. As a reminder, these reports will reflect data collected from the 2015-2016 academic year. A summary of

statewide Year Out and Cooperating Teacher will be included with your EPI's report.

- The Spring/Summer 2017 (S/S2017) Teacher Candidate, Candidate Supervisor, and Cooperating Teacher surveys will be open on or before April 7, 2017. Please work with Dana Utterback at [UtterbackD@michigan.gov](mailto:UtterbackD@michigan.gov) if you have not yet submitted your roster.

## **2. Evaluation Systems Chosen as MTTC Vendor for 2017-2022**

- Evaluation Systems group of Pearson, Inc. (ES) has been named the MTTC contractor, with a five-year contract extending from October 2017 to October 2022.
- A memo is forthcoming from the MDE regarding differences in testing fees; this will be a reproducible memo which may be distributed to teacher candidates.

## **3. Title II Data Collection Updates**

- The deadline for submission of required Title II data to the Westat reporting site is **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 at [HicksP@michigan.gov](mailto:HicksP@michigan.gov) for any assistance you may need with data collection.

## **4. SAT Implementation**

- A draft of an explanatory document detailing the various aspects of implementation of the SAT as Michigan's basic skills examination will be distributed to EPIs on or before April 14, 2017.
- Text and diagrams from the document will be free-use and may be used at the discretion of the EPI for the purposes of advising students and making staff aware of the availability of the SAT and its use with existing basic skills examination instruments (such as the PRE, ACT, and MME, as well as the -1 SEM adjustment).
- Please contact Steve Stegink at [SteginkS@michigan.gov](mailto:SteginkS@michigan.gov) for any questions regarding SAT implementation in the interim.

## **5. CPR/First Aid Update**

- 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](http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-5683_14795-75289--,00.html).

- 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. For inquiries related to CPR/FA please contact Beatrice M. Harrison at [HarrisonB@michigan.gov](mailto:HarrisonB@michigan.gov).

## **6. OPPTS Facebook Page**

- The Office of Professional Preparation Services has a Facebook page where updates regarding certification and important communications with the field can be found. Please “like” the page on behalf of your institutions and share any updates that you find pertinent. The page can be found at: [https://www.facebook.com/MIEducator/?ref=br\\_rs](https://www.facebook.com/MIEducator/?ref=br_rs)

## **7. Endorsement Phase Out**

- The Office of Professional Preparation Services has reviewed educator preparation program recommendation and K-12 assignment data and determined the following endorsements will be phased out effective January 1, 2018, and no longer issued on certificates after July 1, 2026.

Bilingual Other (YL)	Marketing Education (GM)
Communication Arts (AX)	Polish (FI)
Computer Science (NR)	Recreation (MD)
Dance (MH)	Russian (FE)
Fine Arts (OX)	Sociology (CF)
Journalism (BC)	Visual Arts Education Specialist (LZ)

More detailed information will be sent to the deans/directors and certification officers of each institution impacted by these endorsement phase outs.

If you have questions regarding the phase out of program areas, please direct them to Dr. Sarah-Kate LaVan at [lavans@michigan.gov](mailto:lavans@michigan.gov).

## **8. Certification Structure Feedback Opportunity**

- There will be an opportunity to provide feedback on a proposed teacher certification structure. A video describing the structure and its development will accompany the survey in an upcoming email. It is

anticipated this email will be distributed through the DARTEP listserv in late April or early May.

## SECTION IV: OPPS REMINDERS

### **1. Diagnosis and Remediation of Reading Courses**

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

### **2. MDE/EPI Distribution Lists**

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

### **3. DARTEP Listserv**

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

### **4. Certificate Corrections**

Certificate correction or modification requests by institutions must be emailed to [MDE-CertCorrections@michigan.gov](mailto: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 feel free to contact Dana at [UtterbackD@michigan.gov](mailto:UtterbackD@michigan.gov).

### **5. April 30, Program Applications**

In order to provide the best technical support we can, we are requesting that EPI deans and directors hold all slight and significant amendment requests until further notice.

As a reminder, please direct questions to the following contacts:

- General certification questions - OPPS central office line (517-373-3310)
- Out of state certification questions - Alex Clark [ClarkA21@michigan.gov](mailto:ClarkA21@michigan.gov), Beatrice Harrison [HarrisonB@michigan.gov](mailto:HarrisonB@michigan.gov), or Jim Sory [SoryJ@michigan.gov](mailto:SoryJ@michigan.gov)

- MTTC questions – Steve Stegink [SteginkS@michigan.gov](mailto:SteginkS@michigan.gov)
- EPI Performance Score and other data questions - Phil Chase [ChaseP2@michigan.gov](mailto:ChaseP2@michigan.gov) or Preston Hicks [HicksP@michigan.gov](mailto:HicksP@michigan.gov)
- EPI surveys – Dana Utterback [UtterBackD@michigan.gov](mailto:UtterBackD@michigan.gov)
- EPI program approval, accreditation or corrective action questions - Sarah LaVan [Lavans@michigan.gov](mailto:Lavans@michigan.gov) or Sean Kottke [KottkeS@michigan.gov](mailto:KottkeS@michigan.gov)