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PREPARATION POINTS

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SUMMER BREAK

Jason Helfer

As we embark on a beautiful summer, the Center for Educator Effectiveness moves into its busy season. As entitlement concludes and educators begin to apply for their licenses, the Licensure Division receives approximately 10,000 applications each month during the summer. With a full staff, we continue to steam forward to process applications and issue licenses, ensuring all Illinois students have qualified, effective educators in their classrooms.

PARTNERSHIP FOR EDUCATOR PREPARATION

In order to advance the work of educator preparation programs statewide, the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) is embarking on a significant effort to strengthen data collection, sharing and reporting. The Partnership for Educator Preparation (PEP), a steering committee

consisting of a diverse team of stakeholders representing the state, will provide input and guidance in the design and content of ISBE's revised accountability and program improvement system for teacher preparation. The goals of this new system are to ensure that all novice teachers in Illinois are ready to support student learning upon entering the classroom, and that data is used as a tool for continuous improvement to strengthen teacher preparation statewide.

The PEP will convene two times during the spring/summer of 2016, and participants will meet in either Springfield or Chicago locations. Meeting dates and times are as follows:

- June 29, 2016, 9:00am-12:00pm
- August 31, 2016, 9:00am-12:00pm

For further information click [here](#).

WEBSITE

Instructional Videos

ISBE has launched several "How To" videos on the Educator Licensure webpage. These videos are intended to deliver valuable information to a variety of educators in the field, in a simple, clear and

consistent manner. ISBE plans to complete all videos by July 1, 2016.

The “How To” videos are located [here](#).

DEADLINES NEAR

General Administrative Endorsement

As the deadline to attain the General Administrative Endorsement draws near, ISBE wants to ensure educators understand their options.

Educators who hold a Professional Educator License (PEL) and have completed an approved IL General Administrative Program prior to September 1, 2014 must pass the Principal (186) Test by June 30, 2016. Institutions that previously had a General Administrative Program may entitle their candidates if the passing score is reported in the Educator Licensure Information System (ELIS) prior to June 30, 2016. Educators would have one year to apply for the entitlement. Institutions may no longer entitle candidates for General Administrative Endorsements on or after July 1, 2016.

Educators who hold an out-of-state credential but have completed a General Administrative Program prior to September 1, 2014, must pass the Principal (186) test and apply with ISBE for the General Administrative Endorsement by June 30, 2016. The application will be valid for two full fiscal years while candidates work to meet the current IL PEL requirements.

[Click here to find previous issues of the Preparation Points Newsletter!](#)

Early Childhood Education

By July 1, 2016 educators assigned to provide instruction to students in a pre-school program must hold an ESL or bilingual endorsement.

The Educator Licensure Division is not handling this paperwork, but you still may receive questions from educators. ISBE’s Division of English Language Learning (DELL) will be able to assist with more detailed inquiries that go beyond the scope of this message.

SENATE BILL 2912

Senate Bill 2912 currently awaits House approval as the final action deadline has been extended to June 30, 2016.

ISBE will continue to follow Senate Bill 2912 as it progresses through the Illinois General Assembly. We encourage institutions of higher education and their candidates to stay abreast of this legislation.

Further information on Senate Bill 2912 can be found [here](#).

SEPLB

Meeting Cancellations

The State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board (SEPLB) will not hold meetings during the months of July and August. The next SEPLB meeting is scheduled for September 2, 2016. The meeting will be held in Springfield and will begin at 9:00am. Institutions may continue to submit new program proposals for internal staff review and peer review. ISBE

ISBE CLOSINGS:

Independence Day

Monday, July 4, 2016

ILLINOIS STATE EDUCATOR PREPARATION AND LICENSURE BOARD MEETINGS

July 1, 2016 **CANCELLED**

August 5, 2016 **CANCELLED**

September 2, 2016

9:00am-4:00pm

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Fourth Floor, Board Room

The Illinois State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board (SEPLB) supports a system of preparing and certifying (licensing) teachers, administrators and school service personnel that reflect the highest standards and best practices to meet the educational needs of every child in the State of Illinois.

For prior SEPLB meeting agendas and minutes [click here](#).

will begin scheduling proposals for the September SEPLB agenda.

Testing Updates

SEPLB approved recommended cut scores for the new Elementary Education (197-200) Test and the redesigned SAT. These scores must be further approved by the State Board and have been added to the June 16, 2016 State Board meeting agenda.

ISBE will notify institutions of higher education upon approval. If the State Board approves the

recommended cut scores, ISBE will begin processing ELED Test results and results for the redesigned SAT in ELIS on June 17, 2016. Candidates should monitor the testing section of their ELIS account.

PROPOSED RULES AND AMENDMENTS

Rules undergoing amendments are found [here](#). As Rules are proposed and amended, this webpage provides a summary of the Rules, a medium for public comment, and status updates as Rules are filed and adopted.

The following Administrative Rules are open for public comment until June 13, 2016:

- Part 30 (Programs for the Preparation of Principals in Illinois)
- Part 33 (Programs for the Preparation of Superintendents in Illinois)

Public comment may be submitted on any item for which the deadline has not yet passed, either via e-mail (addressed to rules@isbe.net) or via standard mail (addressed to Lindsay Bentivegna, Agency Rules Coordinator, ISBE, 100 North First Street - S-493, Springfield, Illinois 62777-0001).

To check on the status of any item where the comment period has already ended, send an inquiry to rules@isbe.net.

If you would like to be added to our distribution list, please email Tina Dimmitt-Salinas (cdimmitt@isbe.net)

PASS/FAIL CREDIT

Transcript Evaluations

If institutions of higher education record credit by a “P” (pass) or “S” (Satisfactory) on transcripts, please email your ISBE liaison to indicate whether the “P” or “S” grade signifies that the candidate completed the requirements of the course with a grade of “C” or better. ISBE utilizes this information during transcript evaluation for candidates seeking subsequent endorsements.

PROGRAM CHANGE NOTIFICATION

An institution of higher education should submit the Program Change Notification form when the institution plans to modify an approved educator preparation program from the version that was approved by SEPLB. Changes include, but are not limited to, coursework offerings; coursework title/numbers; or status of the program.

All proposed changes will be shared as an informational item at the next available SEPLB meeting.

If an institution modifies greater than 50% of a program, the institution will be required to submit a new program proposal for approval by SEPLB.

The Program Change Notification form and program proposals can be found [here](#).

LICENSURE OFFICER REMINDERS

Entitlement Validity

Candidates have one year to apply for entitlement from the date Licensure Officers enter candidates into “Completed Program”. After one year, the an entitlement will expire. Candidates may request the institution to re-entitle for the same endorsement, or candidates may apply through ISBE to undergo transcript evaluation.

Please Note: Institutions of higher education may only re-entitle a candidate for the same endorsement if the program has not changed since initial entitlement. Otherwise, the candidate must apply through ISBE transcript evaluation.

Directory of Approved Programs

ISBE recommends institutions of higher education review the directory of approved programs to ensure contact information and available programs are listed correctly. Summer is the busiest time of the year for licensure, and our division refers interested educators to this document daily as they seek licensure in specific endorsement areas. Please email your ISBE liaison with any updates to this document.

Click [here](#) for the Directory of Approved Programs.

Image Upload

As we embark into the busiest time of the year, Licensure Officers are encouraged to upload any actionable

items into an educator's ELIS account. This includes official transcripts, State Approved Program (SAP) Verification forms, and requests to expire out evaluations for licensure.

A list of these forms is located [here](#).

Lapsed PEL

Licensure Officers should advise candidates with lapsed PELs to reinstate their PELs prior to applying for entitlement. ELIS will allow candidates to apply and pay application fees for endorsements recommended by institutions of higher education; however, any such application will remain in "Pending Review" status until the PEL is reinstated. A candidate has two options to reinstate a license:

- 1) A candidate may reinstate a license by providing evidence of completing nine semester hours of college coursework in the past five fiscal years in areas aligning with endorsements on the license.
- 2) A candidate may reinstate a license by paying a \$500 penalty fee in lieu of completing nine semester hours of coursework.

Note: After a candidate has reinstated a license, the candidate must pay to register the PEL. Registration fees are \$10 per year.

Click [here](#) for a step-by-step guide candidates may follow to apply for reinstatement in ELIS.

TEST of Basic Skills

Licensure Officers must ensure that each candidate seeking initial licensure has received a passing score on a test of basic skills. The ACT can be used as proof of a valid test of basic skills; however, licensure officers must ensure a "P" is indicated on the testing pages of the candidate's ELIS credentials. If a "C" is indicated, the ACT score has been cancelled by ACT. Test scores can be cancelled for a variety of reasons, including examinee illness, mistiming of the test, or disturbances or irregularities at a testing center.

ISBE L.I.N.K.

ISBE is pleased to announce the debut of ISBE Licensure Information, News and Knowledge (L.I.N.K.).

The purpose of the monthly newsletter is to provide specialized information to Illinois educators, administrators, and regional office administration and personnel. By providing the newsletter to education stakeholders throughout the state of Illinois, it is the hope of ISBE to develop a better informed workforce, foster a greater sense of community, and build morale among those who impact academic achievement. Most importantly, the aim is to improve the lives of Illinois students.

We encourage all institutions of higher education to share ISBE L.I.N.K with pre-service candidates as well as educator alumni.

[Click here to find previous issues of ISBE L.I.N.K!](#)

ISBE SPOTLIGHT



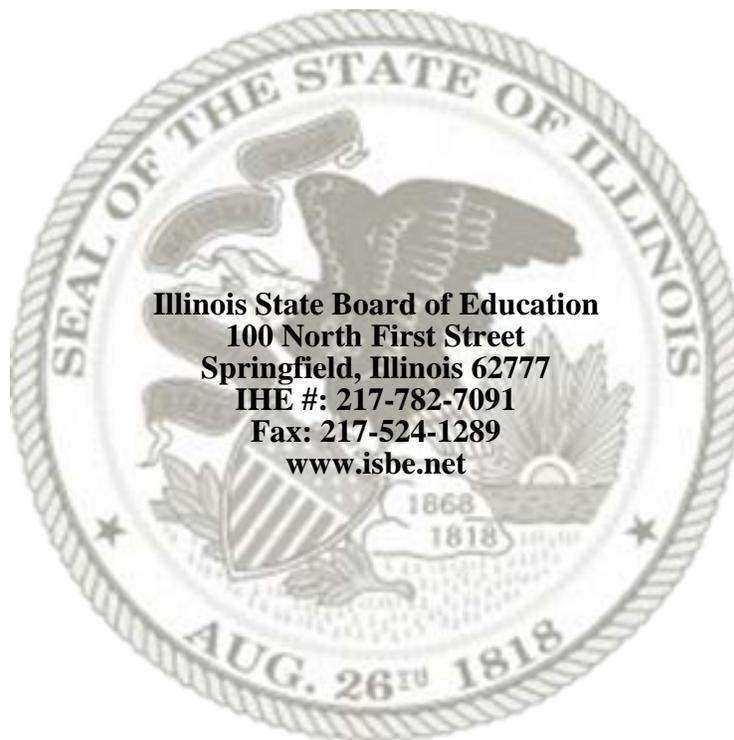
Meet Cristina "Tina" Dimmitt-Salinas

Tina is originally from Ord, Nebraska. She attended Hastings College and received her bachelor's degree while competing on the volleyball team as an All-American. She attended the University of North Carolina at Charlotte for her master's and served as a secondary educator just outside Charlotte before moving to Springfield. As an educator in the Charlotte area, Tina served as a mentor and teacher adviser for novice teachers within her high school and across the district. It is through her experience with beginning teachers that Tina's passion grew for successful mentor and induction programs and her advocacy for candidates pursuing traditional and non-traditional pathways into the classroom.

When not at ISBE, Tina serves as an assistant for the Women's Volleyball program at the University of Illinois at Springfield.

Tina and her husband Trey live in Springfield with their two dogs, English Mastiff, Duke the Gentle Giant and Lab/Husky, Quila the Diva.

Tina is a great asset to our preparation staff!



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