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To: All EPP Staff

From: Janice Lopez, Director, Educator Standards, Certification, and Fingerprinting

Date: January 9, 2013

Dear Educator Preparation Programs,

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday! I wish you all a happy and prosperous new year. This is an update regarding a few items that will be implemented in the future.

(1) New Program Specialist:

I would like to introduce Scott Lewis who will be joining us in Educator Certification and Standards.
From Scott:

I received my Bachelor's Degree from Texas A & M and my Masters in Public Affairs from the LBJ School at UT Austin. I have been at TEA for over 20 years in a number of positions including: working on implementing the original "Robin Hood" state funding plan, Agency Webmaster, executive assistant to Associate Commissioner Ed Flathouse, and a manager in the NCLB Division. I am currently the state director for the NCLB Title II, Part A program and Highly Qualified teachers. I am married and have an 8 year old daughter.

For your convenience, I have attached the list of programs and assigned Program Specialists.

(2) Dyslexia Training Resource:

As you are probably aware, SB 866 requires university programs to prepare teachers to teach students with dyslexia. Below is an announcement regarding an upcoming seminar that will be open to all educator preparation programs. This is provided to you as a resource, not as an endorsement by TEA.

"Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children in Dallas will offer a full day seminar for professors and instructors in educator preparation programs and alternative certification programs. The seminar is designed to help prepare teachers for students with dyslexia in their classroom and to meet the requirements of SB 866. The seminar will be on Wednesday, February 20 from 9:00-3:30 with a continental breakfast and lunch provided. The registration fee has been waived for this first session." Register at the following website:

<http://community.tsrhc.org/DyslexiaPrep> Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children is one of the nation's leading pediatric centers for the treatment of orthopedic conditions, certain related neurological disorders and learning disorders, such as dyslexia.

(3) The Generalist EC-6 and Generalist 4-8:

As of September 1, 2014, the Generalist EC-6 and Generalist 4-8 exams will require passing scores on each domain or section for an overall passing score:

- Generalist EC-6:
 - English Language Arts and Reading,
 - Mathematics, and
 - Science/Social Studies/PE/Health/Fine Arts
- Generalist 4-8:
 - English Language Arts and Reading,
 - Mathematics, and
 - Science, and
 - Social Studies.

These domains will contain more questions than current forms to be statistically reliable, and therefore due to length, Bilingual-Generalist and ESL-Generalist exams will no longer be offered. Candidates pursuing those fields will need to take the separate Bilingual Supplemental or ESL Supplemental examination in addition to a Generalist test. Candidates who test before 9/1/2014 will still be able to use those tests to get certified.

(4) New testing and certification requirements. These are now (as of August) incorporated in Texas Administrative Code Chapters 230, 232, and 233.

(5) Compliance Audit Reports:

All compliance audit reports (pre-approval, post-approval, technical, oversight, continuing approval) will be posted on the [Consumer Information Website](#). The reports will be posted by January 15, 2013.

(6) Reminders:

Communication continues to be a challenge so we have determined that the best way for us to communicate is through webpage postings. Please access the EPP webpage for updates. We post quite

regularly so please access at least once a week. This is the link to the website
<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/eppinfo.aspx>

We recently posted the compliance audit documents for academic year 2012-2013. Please, access the EPP website.

(7) This is very important. All out-of-state and out-of-country placements for fulfilling requirements for certification must be approved by TEA. This is clarified in Chapter 228.35 and states as follows:

(4) Subject to all the requirements of this section, the TEA may approve a school that is not a public school accredited by the TEA as a site for field-based experience, internship, student teaching, clinical teaching, and/or practicum.

(A) All Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) schools, wherever located, and all schools accredited by the Texas Private School Accreditation Commission (TEPSAC) are approved by the TEA for purposes of field-based experience, internship, student teaching, clinical teaching, and/or practicum.

(B) An educator preparation program may file an application with the TEA for approval, subject to periodic review, of a public school, a private school, or a school system located within any state or territory of the United States, as a site for field-based experience, or for video or other technology-based depiction of a school setting. The application shall be in a form developed by the TEA staff and shall include, at a minimum, evidence showing that the instructional standards of the school or school system align with those of the applicable Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) and SBEC certification standards. To prevent unnecessary duplication of such applications, the TEA shall maintain a list of the schools, school systems, videos, and other technology-based transmissions that have been approved by the TEA for field-based experience.

(C) An educator preparation program may file an application with the TEA for approval, subject to periodic review, of a public or private school located within any state or territory of the United States, as a site for an internship, student teaching, clinical teaching, and/or practicum required by this chapter. The application shall be in a form developed by the TEA staff and shall include, at a minimum:

(i) the accreditation(s) held by the school;

(ii) a crosswalk comparison of the alignment of the instructional standards of the school with those of the applicable TEKS and SBEC certification standards;

(iii) the certification, credentials, and training of the field supervisor(s) who will supervise candidates in the school; and

(iv) the measures that will be taken by the educator preparation program to ensure that the candidate's experience will be equivalent to that of a candidate in a Texas public school accredited by the TEA.

(D) An educator preparation program may file an application with the SBEC for approval, subject to periodic review, of a public or private school located outside the United States, as a site for student

teaching or clinical teaching required by this chapter. The application shall be in a form developed by the TEA staff and shall include, at a minimum, the same elements required in subparagraph (C) of this paragraph for schools located within any state or territory of the United States, with the addition of a description of the on-site program personnel and program support that will be provided and a description of the school's recognition by the U.S. State Department Office of Overseas Schools.

We have been receiving numerous calls from candidates stating that they are in Texas programs, but conducting requirements for certification out-of-state. This unfortunately could affect the issuance of a Standard Certificate unless the program has been approved to offer this through the application process.

(8)Title II:

Next year, TEA will allow EPPs to upload and maintain their own student data in the ETS Title II system.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call or email!

Sincerely, Janice

County District Number	Entity	City	Region	Point of Contact
057708	21st Century Leadership Principal Preparation Program	Dallas	10	Vanessa Alba
178701	A Career in Education - ACP	San Antonio	20	Sandy Nix
108708	A Career in Teaching-Alternative Certification Program	McAllen	01	Sandy Nix
108703	A Career in Teaching-Alternative Certification Program	Corpus Christi	02	Sandy Nix
101714	A+ Texas Teachers	Houston	04	Sandy Nix
221502	Abilene Christian University	Abilene	14	Scott Lewis
108701	ACT - Rio Grande Valley	McAllen	01	Mixon Henry
101712	ACT-Houston	Houston	4	Mixon Henry
101723	ACT-Houston-Dallas	Dallas	10	Mixon Henry
015702	ACT-San Antonio	San Antonio	20	Mixon Henry
014701	ACT-San Antonio at Central Texas	Temple	12	Mixon Henry
015709	Alamo Community College District - Northwest Vista College	San Antonio	20	Sandy Nix
071703	Alternative Certification for Teachers-NOW!	El Paso	19	Vanessa Alba
031701	Alternative-South Texas Educator Program (A-STEP)	Brownsville	01	Scott Lewis
240701	Alternative-South Texas Educator Program (A-STEP)	Laredo	01	Scott Lewis
057508	Amberton University	Garland	10	Scott Lewis
057715	American College of Education	Chicago	10	Vanessa Alba
226501	Angelo State University	San Angelo	15	Sandy Nix
057714	Argosy University	Dallas	10	Vanessa Alba
220703	Arlington Baptist College Teacher Certification Program	Arlington	11	Scott Lewis

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101716	ATC-East Houston	Houston	04	Scott Lewis
091502	Austin College	Sherman	10	Mixon Henry
227502	Austin Community College	Austin	13	Mixon Henry
161503	Baylor University	Waco	12	Sandy Nix
239501	Blinn College	Brenham	06	Scott Lewis
084503	College of Mainland COMPACT	Texas City	04	Vanessa Alba
227505	Concordia University	Austin	13	Sandy Nix
057504	Dallas Baptist University	Dallas	10	Vanessa Alba
057703	Dallas Christian College	Dallas	10	Vanessa Alba
057710	Dallas Community College: Mountain View College	Dallas	10	Scott Lewis
057905	Dallas ISD	Dallas	10	Vanessa Alba
102501	East Texas Baptist University	Marshall	07	Sandy Nix
220701	Education Career Alternatives Program (ECAP)	N Richland Hills	11	Vanessa Alba
227703	Educators of Excellence ACP	Austin	13	Vanessa Alba
108709	EIT: Excellence In Teaching	Weslaco	01	Mixon Henry
091701	eTeach N Texas	Bells	10	Vanessa Alba
152907	Frenship ISD - Technology Only	Wolfforth	17	Vanessa Alba
071704	FT. Worth Teaching Academy - TNTP	Ft. Worth	19	Sandy Nix
221501	Hardin-Simmons University	Abilene	14	Vanessa Alba
101000	Harris County Department of Education	Houston	04	Vanessa Alba
101510	Houston Baptist University	Houston	04	Sandy Nix
101506	Houston Community College System-ACP- Houston	Houston	04	Vanessa Alba
101912	Houston ISD	Houston	04	Vanessa Alba
025501	Howard Payne University	Brownwood	15	Sandy Nix
227503	Huston-Tillotson University	Austin	13	Scott Lewis
101717	Intern Teacher ACP	Houston	04	Vanessa Alba
057709	iteAChtexas.com	Denton	11	Sandy Nix
250501	Jarvis Christian College	Hawkins	07	Scott Lewis
123502	Lamar State College-Orange	Orange	05	Mixon Henry
123501	Lamar University	Beaumont	05	Mixon Henry
092502	LeTourneau University	Longview	07	Scott Lewis
101702	Lone Star College	Kingwood	04	Vanessa Alba
152502	Lubbock Christian University	Lubbock	17	Vanessa Alba
161502	McLennan Community College	Waco	12	Vanessa Alba
221503	McMurry University	Abilene	14	Scott Lewis
243501	Midwestern State University	Wichita Falls	09	Sandy Nix
057710	North American College	Houston	04	Vanessa Alba
015502	Our Lady of the Lake University	San Antonio	20	Sandy Nix
101917	Pasadena ISD	Pasadena	04	Vanessa Alba
161504	Paul Quinn College	Dallas	10	Scott Lewis
227904	Pflugerville ISD	Pflugerville	13	Vanessa Alba
237501	Prairie View A&M University	Prairie View	04	Sandy Nix
057712	Quality ACT	Irving	10	Vanessa Alba
108950	Region 01 Education Service Center	Edinburg	01	Mixon Henry
178950	Region 02 Education Service Center	Corpus Christi	02	Mixon Henry

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235950	Region 03 Education Service Center	Victoria	03	Mixon Henry
101950	Region 04 Education Service Center	Houston	04	Mixon Henry
181950	Region 05 Education Service Center	Beaumont	05	Mixon Henry
236950	Region 06 Education Service Center	Huntsville	06	Mixon Henry
092950	Region 07 Education Service Center	Kilgore	07	Mixon Henry
225950	Region 08 Education Service Center	Mount Pleasant	08	Mixon Henry
057950	Region 10 Education Service Center	Richardson	10	Mixon Henry
220950	Region 11 Education Service Center	Fort Worth	11	Mixon Henry
161950	Region 12 Education Service Center	Waco	12	Mixon Henry
227950	Region 13 Education Service Center	Austin	13	Mixon Henry
221950	Region 14 Education Service Center	Abilene	14	Mixon Henry
165950	Region 18 Education Service Center	Midland	18	Mixon Henry
071950	Region 19 Education Service Center	El Paso	19	Mixon Henry
015950	Region 20 Education Service Center	San Antonio	20	Mixon Henry
101718	Rice Education Entrepreneurship Program (REEP)	Houston	04	Scott Lewis
101513	Rice University	Houston	04	Scott Lewis
236501	Sam Houston State University	Huntsville	06	Scott Lewis
133501	Schreiner University	Kerrville	20	Sandy Nix
108707	South Texas College	McAllen	01	Scott Lewis
108706	South Texas Transition to Teaching	McAllen	01	Scott Lewis
057502	Southern Methodist University	Dallas	10	Scott Lewis
126501	Southwestern Adventist University	Keene	11	Scott Lewis
070501	Southwestern Assemblies of God University	Waxahachie	10	Vanessa Alba
246501	Southwestern University	Georgetown	13	Sandy Nix
227504	St Edward's University	Austin	13	Vanessa Alba
015506	St Mary's University	San Antonio	20	Sandy Nix
174501	Stephen F Austin State University	Nacogdoches	07	Mixon Henry
022501	Sul Ross State University-Alpine	Alpine	18	Sandy Nix
232502	Sul Ross State University-Uvalde	Uvalde	20	Sandy Nix
072501	Tarleton State University	Stephenville	11	Vanessa Alba
108704	TeacherBuilder.com	Edinburg	01	Sandy Nix
071701	Teachers for the 21st Century	El Paso	19	Scott Lewis
140502	Texas A&M International University	Laredo	01	Scott Lewis
021501	Texas A&M University	College Station	06	Scott Lewis
014702	Texas A&M University - Central Texas	Killeen	11	Scott Lewis
116501	Texas A&M University - Commerce	Commerce	10	Scott Lewis
178504	Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi	Corpus Christi	02	Scott Lewis
137501	Texas A&M University - Kingsville	Kingsville	02	Scott Lewis
015712	Texas A&M University - San Antonio	San Antonio	20	Scott Lewis
019502	Texas A&M University - Texarkana	Texarkana	08	Scott Lewis
071702	Texas Alternative Certification Program	El Paso	19	Vanessa Alba
031702	Texas Alternative Certification Program	Brownsville	01	Vanessa Alba
227708	Texas Alternative Certification Program at Austin	Austin	13	Vanessa Alba
101724	Texas Alternative Certification Program at Houston	Houston	04	Vanessa Alba
015708	Texas Alternative Certification Program at San Antonio	San Antonio	20	Vanessa Alba

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220501	Texas Christian University	Fort Worth	11	Sandy Nix
212502	Texas College	Tyler	07	Sandy Nix
101719	Texas Gulf Educator Certification Program	Houston	04	Vanessa Alba
094501	Texas Lutheran University	Seguin	13	Mixon Henry
101503	Texas Southern University	Houston	04	Sandy Nix
105501	Texas State University-San Marcos	San Marcos	13	Vanessa Alba
152501	Texas Tech University	Lubbock	17	Mixon Henry
220504	Texas Wesleyan University	Fort Worth	11	Scott Lewis
016502	Texas Woman's University	Denton	11	Mixon Henry
061701	The Texas Institute for Teacher Education	The Colony	10	Mixon Henry
227701	Training via E-Learning: An Alternative Cert Hybrid (T.E.A.C.H.)	Austin	13	Sandy Nix
015504	Trinity University	San Antonio	20	Sandy Nix
212501	Tyler Junior College	Tyler	07	Scott Lewis
057507	University of Dallas	Irving	10	Vanessa Alba
101502	University of Houston	Houston	04	Sandy Nix
101509	University of Houston-Clear Lake	Houston	04	Sandy Nix
101512	University of Houston-Downtown	Houston	04	Sandy Nix
235502	University of Houston-Victoria	Victoria	03	Sandy Nix
014503	University of Mary Hardin-Baylor	Belton	12	Vanessa Alba
061501	University of North Texas	Denton	11	Sandy Nix
161701	University of North Texas - Dallas	Dallas	10	Sandy Nix
015705	University of Phoenix (@ San Antonio)	San Antonio	20	Vanessa Alba
101508	University of St Thomas	Houston	04	Sandy Nix
220503	University of Texas at Arlington	Arlington	11	Mixon Henry
227501	University of Texas at Austin	Austin	13	Mixon Henry
031502	University of Texas at Brownsville	Brownsville	01	Mixon Henry
057506	University of Texas at Dallas	Richardson	10	Mixon Henry
071501	University of Texas at El Paso	El Paso	19	Mixon Henry
015505	University of Texas at San Antonio	San Antonio	20	Mixon Henry
212503	University of Texas at Tyler	Tyler	07	Mixon Henry
108501	University of Texas of the Permian Basin	Odessa	18	Mixon Henry
068502	University of Texas-Pan American	Edinburg	01	Mixon Henry
015503	University of the Incarnate Word	San Antonio	20	Sandy Nix
095501	Wayland Baptist University	Plainview	17	Scott Lewis
184501	Weatherford College	Weatherford	11	Scott Lewis
101715	Web-Centric ACP	Houston	04	Scott Lewis
191501	West Texas A&M University - ACP/Post Bac, I	Canyon	16	Scott Lewis
101708	Western Governors University	Salt Lake City	04	Sandy Nix
102502	Wiley College	Marshall	07	Scott Lewis
101845	YES Preparatory Public Schools	Houston	04	Vanessa Alba