



# EPP Connect

## EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDER IN 2016

### WELCOME

Welcome to the first edition of the EPP Connect, a newsletter for Educator Preparation Provider Unit members. Each week we will feature articles and information on CAEP, DESE, and other issues impacting education.

Any feedback, items of interest, or articles you have found useful, or other information you think is important to the unit is most welcome. Please forward them to [Andrew Homburg](#), Provost Fellow for Education or [Vicki Kramer](#), EPP Administrative Specialist.

### BLACKBOARD for MoPTA

The Blackboard site for MoPTA is up and available to teacher candidates. It can be accessed at MoPTA Licensure—Fairbairn. If faculty would like their students to have these resources, please email [Candace Fairbairn](#) a list of names of those interested and she will enter the students into the system. Please note the site has experienced some glitches with the self-enroll option last spring so Candace is happy to do the entries.

### TEACH YOUR TEACHERS WELL

An article from the New York Times regarding teacher evaluation. State tests to evaluate teachers have been suspended in New York. [Click here](#) to read the entire article.

### EPP ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Reminder to email the names of those you would like to see on the EPP Advisory Committee to [Andrew Homburg](#). This group will be composed of approximately ten faculty and serve as a touchpoint for EPP in an effort to enhance communications.



Dr. Chris Craig  
Head of the EPP Unit

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Date	Committee	Time	Location
January 27	EPPC Executive Committee	3:30 p.m.	PSU 308
February 1	MSEd Secondary Oversight Committee Meeting	2:00 p.m.	TBA
February 10	Diversity Committee Meeting	1:00 p.m.	PSU 310
February 10	EPPC Meeting	3:30 p.m.	Karls 102
February 12	BSEd Secondary Oversight Committee Meeting	1:30 p.m.	PSU 308

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### **STATE BOARD MEETINGS UPDATE**

The Missouri State Board of Education meetings are being video-streamed as of January 2016. The next video-stream meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2016. Registration is required. [Click here](#) for more information about the meetings and registration information.

### **MoPTA WORLD CAFÉ UPDATE**

Three MoPTA World Cafés will be used to gather information and consider changes to the MoPTA for 2016-2017.

MoPTA Café #1 – The first MoPTA Café will be held in Jefferson City on Wednesday, February 23, 2016. A selected number of 2015 MoPTA candidates and faculty have been invited to participate. Invitations were sent last week to 50 candidates and 20 faculty members. The goal is to have a minimum of 35 candidates and 14 faculty members respond to a specific series of questions. The information will be gathered and reported out on Friday, January 29. The roundtable discussions will occur in the morning. A series of activities have been planned for the afternoon. Invitations were sent to cross-section of candidates and faculty members.

Electronic MoPTA Café #2 – The Electronic World Café will be held in early to mid-February. Candidates and faculty members from across the state will have an opportunity to respond to the similar questions. The information will be gathered and reported on February 26. An electronic World Café was used to gather information about MoSPE several years ago.

MoPTA Café #3 @ the MACTE Spring Conference – The Office of Educator Quality will be working with the MACTE Spring Conference Committee to host the third MoPTA Café. The MACTE Spring Conference is scheduled for late March.

Report to ETS – The information gathered from all of the events will be reported on April 15 and shared with ETS. Any changes to the MoPTA for 2016-2017 will be posted on or before July 1.

### **MoPTA REGISTRATION & DEADLINES**

January 28, 2016 is the deadline to register for MoPTA. Task deadlines are:

- Task 1            February 4
- Tasks 2 & 3    March 3
- Task 4            April 29

### **EPP WEBSITE UPDATES**

The Educator Preparation Provider website is getting a makeover! Our aim is to make the website more accessible and user-friendly. We will keep you informed as the redesign progresses. If you have any recommendations or suggestions, please email them to [Vicki Kramer](#), EPP Administrative Specialist.