

BUCKEYE LOCAL LPDC MEETING
January 2008

The following items were discussed during the January meeting held at the Jefferson County Educational Service Center.

1. The next date for the Jefferson County LPDC is February 20th 2008 at 4:30 p.m. at the Jefferson County Educational Service Center. Please remember that your IPDP must be submitted with your application packet to Carol Webb at Central Office at least **one week before the meeting date.**
2. If your certificate or license expires June 2008, January is the month that you want to begin the renewal process. Remember that everything is to be submitted at one time to Central office, the LPDC packet, official transcripts/CEU's (remember to fill out the back of the page), license fee, and IPDP. Please see an LPDC member if you need help.
3. Teacher and Administration IPDP forms are available on line. A hard copy is available at the Central Office. All LPDC members were given a packet containing all LPDC forms at the August meeting. Please remember to **read the directions carefully** when completing your IPDP, especially when checking the boxes on the form. If you have questions please contact one of your district LPDC members.
4. **Masters Degree Requirement**
The rule from the ODE Division of Educator License is:
If you have **EVER** held an active certificate, you **ARE NOT** required to earn a Masters Degree.
If you have **NEVER** held an active certificate (**Only License**) you **ARE** required to earn a Masters Degree by the end of your first 5 year renewal (usually about 11 or 12 years into your career).
5. **Background Checks**
In the past year, two bills relating to background checks for school employees became law. House Bill 79, which took effect on March 29, 2007, requires educators to undergo BCI background checks upon renewing a license. The bill also requires individuals teaching under a professional teaching certificate to undergo a background check upon a date prescribed by the State Board of Education and every five years thereafter. **September 5th, 2008, has been selected as the initial date by which professional certificate holders (eight year, permanent, and permanent non-tax) must have their checks completed.**
6. **Professional Development for the LPDC 2007-2008**
The LPDC is committed to become more PD focused since the writing of IPDP's has been streamlined. Your suggestions and support are vital if we are to optimize our Professional Development efforts for the future. Please contact an LPDC member if you have an idea for professional development. Buckeye Local will be presenting in March of 07.

7. All teachers have been given a copy of approved On-Line Colleges and Universities outside of Ohio. Approved work taken from these colleges and universities is acceptable for certificate/license renewal and for salary schedule advancement (if approved by your district). **Please be reminded that all coursework must appropriately support the implementation of the goals and activities that are on your approved IPDP.** Coursework taken from these colleges and universities may not be accepted by ODE as legitimate work for gaining licensure in an additional field (e.g., administration). **It is advised that you obtain approval from ODE prior to beginning coursework for an additional field.**
8. **Combining of Multiple Areas of Licensure**
ODE is apparently combining areas of licensure, at least new areas, with existing areas of licensure without that request being made by the license holder. This does have an impact on the effective dates and the course work/CEUs, which can be used to renew. Information will be forthcoming when we know the complete details from Leonard Crawford.

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