

BUCKEYE LOCAL LPDC MEETING
May 2008

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

1. The next date for the Jefferson County LPDC is June 18th, 2008 at 9:00 a.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. Everything is to be submitted at one time to Central Office, the LPDC packet, and official transcripts/CEU's (remember to fill out the back of the page), license fee, and IPDP. Please see an LPDP member if you need help. **You now need to be fingerprinted electronically before submitting your application.**
2. If anyone has not renewed his or her certificate/license, June 30th is the last day to renew without a penalty of 9 semester hours.
3. **BCII Backlog and Requirements**
Due to the significant increase in the number of teacher background checks, the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (BCII) is experiencing some delays in processing these requests. To accommodate the BCII's increased timeline, the Office of Educator Licensure is extending the length of time it will hold an application while waiting for the background check from 90 to 180 days. As a result of this backlog, there is most likely going to be a longer period of waiting time in getting your renewed/upgraded license returned to you. The ESC is urging everyone to submit their application for license renewal as soon after January 1st of the year the license expires and getting background checks done as early as possible to eliminate last minute panic. Remember you must have your license in place to avoid the disaster of working for substitute wages while you are without a valid license.
4. **Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Background Check Requirements**
Building representatives have been given a copy of frequently asked questions regarding background check requirements. If you have questions about whether or not you need to have a background check, please contact an LPDC representative.
5. **Professional Development for the LPDC 2006-2007**
The LPDC is committed to become more PD focused since the writing of IPDP's has been streamlined. For May, Wendy Hanasky of the JCESC presented "**An Additional Option for Teacher Professional Development.**" On-line, self-paced courses are now available for CEU/Graduate credit. Course work may be completed at your convenience over a 2- month period per course. For a complete listing of classes please visit: www.kdsi.org/JCESC Please see an LPDC representative for more information. 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.

6. 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.**

7. **Aligning Multiple Licenses to Reduce Fees (Handout)**
Please make sure that you have read the handout that was given out in March. There is a significant savings for multiple license holders by utilizing Scenario 2.

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