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## OFFICE OF EDUCATOR PREPARATION FALL OPEN FORUM

The Office of Educator Preparation will conduct an Open Forum for the fall semester. Please send one representative from each program to discuss OEP updates. Topics of the forum will include data, unit assessments, Ohio Standards for Educator Preparation course update, information about the CAEP self-study due March 9, and questions from attendees.

Fall Forums:

**Monday, December 4, 2 - 3 p.m.** Room 136 Ramseyer

**Tuesday, December 5, 2 - 3 p.m.** via Carmen Connect or Skype (TBD later)

## CAEP UPDATES

### CAEP Alumni Focus Group Responses

Thank you to Physical Education, Columbus MCE, STEM science, and STEM mathematics for completing the focus groups and sharing the input from alumni!

We hope you are learning about the strengths and opportunities for growth as you complete the face-to-face or phone focus groups or interviews. The questions can be found [here](#).

As a reminder, the deadline to submit them to your program's Data for [Program] > Other Data (surveys, CAEP, etc.) folder is **Tuesday, October 31**.

### **Summer and Autumn 2017 Cooperating Teacher Survey**

On October 25, the Cooperating Teacher Survey will be sent to spring 2017 or fall 2017 student teacher mentors. Survey questions have been updated to gather feedback the student teaching process (CAEP Standard 2).

A copy of survey may be previewed [here](#) in the Ed Prep Unit Information Buckeye Box. Please encourage your mentors/cooperating teachers to complete the survey.

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### **OAE UPDATE**

#### **Updated OAE Scores**

On October 6, 82 new OAE scores were received and updated in your program's Buckeye Box. Sixty-six met the 220 threshold for a 80.5% pass rate.

Expected spring 2018 student teachers OAE scores have been updated to your program's Buckeye Box.

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### **Tk20 UPDATE**

#### **Phone Support Update**

Taskstream-Tk20 is centralizing their phone support resources with one number for all customer support calls.

- Starting October 6, please contact **800-311-5656** to reach Customer Support
- Customer phone support hours are 7AM-7PM (Central) Monday-Thursday, and 7AM-6PM (Central) on Friday

Please don't hesitate to email [support@tk20.com](mailto:support@tk20.com) with any questions.

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### **DIVERSITY INFORMATION ON OHIO PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Are you wondering which school buildings are diverse? The Office of Ed Prep developed a resource for programs based on ODE and NCES data.

Faculty and staff consistently make it a priority to place our students in diverse P-12 field experiences. A school is considered diverse in four categories if their student demographics meet or exceed the state mean/thresholds listed. All public schools in the state are included in this file, located in the Ed Prep Unit Information Buckeye Box [here](#). (Note: private schools and preschools will be added at a later date.)

Diversity Category	State Threshold	National Threshold
Disability (Special Education)	14.5%	12.9%
Economically Disadvantaged	49.9%	48.0%
Limited English Proficient	2.7%	9.3%
Ethnicity/Race (Non-White)	28.9%	35.7%

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## edTPA CANDIDATE SUBMISSION STATUS

Are you interested in knowing the status of your student teachers' edTPAs with Pearson? Every Wednesday, OEP will post an updated version of the edTPA Candidate Submission Report located in the Unit Information Buckeye Box at <https://osu.box.com/s/8chreue8xj3o8rj163c69lreckcgxdza>.

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## SUPPORT FOR CANDIDATES TAKING LICENSURE TESTS

Many candidates have strong potential as educators but struggle to pass the licensure tests. For some students, it is helpful to offer practice tests and feedback to help combat their test anxiety. One of AACTE's affiliate members, Teachers Test Prep, offers free online diagnostics and other services to help candidates improve their exam performance. They receive an instant diagnostic breakdown indicating their strengths and weaknesses, and their overall likelihood of passing. Identifying at-risk students early on is the key to providing the support these students need for success.

If a program chooses to use this service, a designated administrator will also receive compiled reports to help identify at-risk students.

For more information, contact Stephanie Shapiro at [Stephanie.Shapiro@TeachersTestPrep.com](mailto:Stephanie.Shapiro@TeachersTestPrep.com) or 1-800-764-8616 x719. To read the full article, click here: <http://edprepmatters.net/2016/09/supporting-students-taking-their-credentialing-exams/>.

If you use this resource, we would appreciate feedback as to its usefulness.

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## HAVE YOU ACKNOWLEDGED YOUR COOPERATING TEACHERS LATELY?

Our Cooperating Teachers (CT) are a valuable resource for you and our students. Please consider sending a personal note, letter, certificate, or acknowledgment for their hard work.

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE VOUCHER PROGRAM

### How will students receive their OAE and edTPA voucher codes?

By the third week of each semester, student teachers will receive an email from OEP with their OAE and edTPA voucher codes. Directions on how to redeem the vouchers and the expiration dates are included.

Each student's OAE/edTPA voucher code is also available at the bottom of their Basics tab in Tk20.

Faculty and staff questions should be directed to [Jacob Chacko](#).

Students should check their Bursar bill first. If an Ed Prep Voucher fee is listed and they did not receive an email (or it is not listed in Tk20), students should email [edprep@osu.edu](mailto:edprep@osu.edu).

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## **ODHE UPDATES**

### **Fall 2018 ODHE Pre-Service Surveys Distributed**

The Ohio Department of Higher Education Pre-Service Surveys were distributed to Fall 2017 student teachers on Monday, October 9 to their [name.#@osu.edu](mailto:name.#@osu.edu) email accounts. The email contains unique links which will remain active through **Saturday, December 9**. Automatic reminder emails will be sent from ODHE on Wednesday, November 8 and Tuesday, December 5 to those who have not responded. A sample of the email sent is below.

If students did *not* receive the initial email, please ask them to look in their junk email first. If it still cannot be located, please have them reach out to Nina Dent at [dent.24@osu.edu](mailto:dent.24@osu.edu) BEFORE November 6.

From: Ohio Department of Higher Education [<mailto:noreply@qemailserver.com>]  
Sent: Monday, October 09, 2017 9:24 AM  
To: Mercerhill, Jessica  
Subject: Ohio Department of Higher Education Survey of Ohio Pre-Service Teacher Candidates

Dear Ohio Teacher Candidate,

Please take the survey at the link below to share your perceptions about your educator preparation program. Follow this to the Survey: <Unique URL>, or copy and paste the URL below into your internet browser:

Follow the link to opt out of future emails:

Best regards,  
Jessica Mercerhill  
Senior Director of Educator Preparation  
Ohio Department of Higher Education

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## **ADVISING CONNECTION, by Heather Long, Academic Advisor in EHE**

### **FEEP Helps Students Explore Various Roles in Education**

Do you have a student considering a profession in education? If so, they should plan to complete FEEP (First Education Experience Program). We encourage our students to complete FEEP as early as possible, as this experience helps them determine if a career in the K-12 setting is a good fit. FEEP is not limited to students who are solely interested in teaching, rather FEEP allows students to explore a variety of roles in the K-12 setting, including: teaching, school counseling, administration, etc. Students can visit <http://ehe.osu.edu/educational-studies/fEEP/> for more information.

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## NEW SUBSCRIBERS FOR THE BOTTOM LINE

Do you know of any new faculty or staff who may be interested in receiving *The Bottom Line*? This is an electronic newsletter distributed by the Office of Educator Preparation to program managers and faculty leads. The publication is released periodically, and focuses on the logistics of program management (e.g., deadline reminders, OAE and edTPA updates, Tk20 changes, etc.). If so, please contact our office [here](#).

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## Contact us

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More information is available on our website at [go.osu.edu/edPrep](http://go.osu.edu/edPrep) on topics such as assessments, background checks, edTPA, field placement, licensure and Tk20. The e-newsletters are archived there as well.

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