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MEMO REGARDING TEACHER LICENSURE EXTENSIONS

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On May 26, 2020, Governor Kelly signed a State of Disaster Emergency Proclamation intended to protect, aid, and support the residents of Kansas and to maintain the activation of her previously-issued state disaster emergency plan. Governor Kelly also signed Executive Order No. 20-39 extending professional and occupational licensing. The justification and nature of this extension mirrors the previously issued Executive Order No. 20-19. As of today, the State of Disaster Emergency will expire on June 11th unless ratified by the legislature during its emergency meeting scheduled for next week. If the State of Disaster Emergency is ratified or otherwise extended, this guidance will be updated.

Therefore, KSDE offers the following guidance:

1. All licenses issued by the Kansas State Board of Education which were in good standing as of March 12, 2020 remain in good standing at least through September 9, 2020. Regardless of the date indicated on a printed license or displayed online via License Lookup – every license set to expire between March 12th and September 9th will remain valid through September 9th.
2. Licensees have until September 9th to complete their applications for renewal without risk of a gap in licensure. Materials are to be received no later than September 9th.
3. If a complete application to renew a license which was in good standing as March 12, 2020 – including all required supplemental materials -- is received by September 9th, 2020, the license will remain valid pending its renewal unless and until the Kansas State Board of Education determines that renewal is not appropriate. In other words – if a Licensee submits a complete application and the materials are received September 8th, their license valid as of Sept. 8th will never expire during its pendency with KSDE.

In light of concerns over the spread of COVID-19, all applicants are strongly encouraged to complete their applications via the online system or to mail their application materials to KSDE. Licensure staff will be available to speak by phone as of Monday, June 1st.

Anyone who chooses to submit their materials in person or to speak with staff in person may be asked to wear a mask and to have their temperature measured.

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