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Professional Educator Standards Board Approves Central Washington University Programs

Olympia- Yesterday, the Professional Educator Standards Board (PESB) took action to approve Central Washington University's (CWU) administrator/principal preparation and teacher preparation programs. The PESB disapproved both programs in July 2007.

The July 2007 decision to disapprove CWU was based on unmet standards documented by a state site visit team which reported their findings to the Board. At that time, the Board offered to CWU that a focused site visit to review the unmet standards could be conducted as soon as possible at the institution's request. CWU's focused site visit occurred in late April 2008.

CWU filed an appeal of the disapproval decision related to their teacher preparation program. An appeals review panel upheld the Board's decision in March. Action on the review panel's decision was unnecessary, given the Board's approval of CWU for 5 years, based on the focused site visit report.

About PESB

The PESB was created in 2000 as primarily an advisory board to the Governor, Legislature, State Board of Education and Superintendent of Public Instruction on the full range of policy issues related to certified education professionals, including teachers, principals, superintendents and educational staff associates. In addition, the PESB was charged with creating alternative routes to teacher certification and administering new basic skills and subject knowledge assessments for teacher certification. Five years later, Governor Gregoire signed into law ESSB 5732, which gave the PESB responsibility and authority for policy and oversight of Washington's system of educator preparation, certification, continuing education and assignment.

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