

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Waiver:

16 KAR 2:100. Request to Waive Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps Renewal Requirements for Thomas Malazarte

Action Question:

Should the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) approve the request to waive the renewal requirement for Thomas Malazarte?

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KRS 161.020, 161.028, 16 KAR 2:100

History/Background:

Existing Policy: 16 KAR 2:100 Section 1 (2) “The certificate for senior instructor, Junior Reserve Officers Training Corp, may be renewed for a five (5) year period upon recommendation by the local school superintendent and upon completion of nine (9) semester hours to include:

- (a) Human growth and development and learning theory;
- (b) Foundations of education; and
- (c) Career development and vocational planning.”

Summary: Barren County Schools has submitted this waiver on behalf of Thomas Malazarte. They are requesting to allow for renewal based on his enrollment in two courses: Human Growth and Development and Foundation of Education. He is currently working on the Human Growth and Development course, which will be completed by December 31, 2025. The Theory of Teaching and Learning begins in January 2026 and will be completed at the end of February 2026. The candidate had some extraordinary circumstances that prevented him from enrolling in classes earlier this year and that later required him to withdraw from one of the classes. Barren County is requesting that the EPSB waive the renewal requirement for the candidate and issue the five-year certificate.

Budget Impact: There is no budgetary impact.

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