

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Waiver:

16 KAR 2:120. Request to Waive Emergency Certificate Requirements for Bullitt County Schools

Action Question:

Should the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) approve Bullitt County's request to waive the grade point average (GPA) requirement for issuance of an emergency certificate?

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KRS 161.028, 16 KAR 2:120

History/Background:

Existing Policy: 16 KAR 2:120 establishes the requirements for issuance of an emergency certificate. These requirements include a minimum of a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or a 2.75 on a 4.0 scale on the last thirty hours of credit completed.

Summary: Bullitt County Schools has been unsuccessful in finding qualified teachers for a secondary mathematics position. The district states this candidate is the only viable option. They also state that extraordinary circumstances necessitating this request include an ongoing and severe shortage of qualified mathematics teachers. Despite all their efforts, they have not received any applications from candidates who meet the certification requirements. The district is requesting that the EPSB waive the required GPA and issue an emergency certificate for this candidate.

Budget Impact: There is no budgetary impact.

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