

# **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 allow for a third issuance of an emergency certificate?

### **Applicable Statute or Regulation:**

KRS 161.028, 16 KAR 2:120

### **History/Background:**

***Existing Policy:*** 16 KAR 2:120 Section 2(3)(b) provides that "The emergency teaching certificate shall be limited to two (2) issuances. A candidate may qualify for an additional issuance if: 1. The emergency certificate was issued after February 15 of a school year; or 2. The emergency certificate was issued for less than fifty (50) percent of the person's class schedule."

***Summary:*** Bullitt County Schools has been unsuccessful in finding qualified teachers for a secondary mathematics position. The district states the school has two mathematics positions that have been open since April. They have interviewed several applicants that have either declined the position or accepted jobs at other schools. The candidate holds Rank I certification for teaching elementary school and business and marketing education, grades 5-12. The district is requesting that the EPSB waive the number of years an emergency certificate can be offered and issue a third emergency certificate for this candidate.

**Budget Impact:** There is no budgetary impact.

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