

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Waiver:

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

Action Question:

Should the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) approve Nelson County's request to allow for a fourth 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: Nelson County Schools has been unsuccessful in finding qualified teachers for middle school science. The district has diligently posted job openings for science teachers in an effort to fill these critical positions but has struggled to find qualified applicants. This candidate is a retired teacher who has held Kentucky certification for teaching agriculture since 1986. The district states that his previous experience teaching in middle school grades and his experience teaching agriculture science make him an ideal candidate. The district is requesting that the EPSB waive the number of years an emergency certificate can be offered and issue a fourth emergency certificate for this candidate.

Budget Impact: There is no budgetary impact.

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