

## **KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

### **STAFF NOTE**

#### **Waiver:**

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

#### **Action Question:**

Should the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) approve Warren 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:*** Warren County Schools has been unsuccessful in finding qualified teachers for a physics position. The position has been difficult to fill, and they did not have any other qualified applicants. This candidate holds certification for teaching middle school science and biology, grades 8-12. The candidate is pursuing adding certification to teach physics through the highly qualified route. He has taken the physics Praxis but has been unsuccessful. The district states they will provide additional support to aid with the Praxis. They state this candidate has proven to be an effective educator. 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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