

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Waiver:

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

Action Question:

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

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KRS 161.028, KRS 161.100, 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 3.0 on a 4.0 scale on the last sixty hours of credit completed.

Summary: Powell County Schools has been unsuccessful in finding qualified teachers for an elementary school position. The district has struggled to find qualified teachers for multiple positions. The candidate has been conditionally admitted into a Master of Arts in teaching program with stipulations to increase her GPA. The candidate holds a bachelor's degree in human services. 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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