

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Waiver:

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

Action Question:

Should the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) approve Shelby 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 2.75 on a 4.0 scale on the last thirty hours of credit completed.

Summary: Shelby County Schools has been unsuccessful in finding qualified teachers for a middle school math position. The candidate is working with an institution to retake some undergraduate courses to increase their GPA and should have this completed by the end of August. They also plan on enrolling in a graduate level preparation program. 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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