

## **KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

### **STAFF NOTE**

#### **Waiver:**

16 KAR 5:040. Request to Waive a Portion of Student Teacher Days for a Lindsey Wilson College Student

#### **Action Question:**

Should the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) approve the request submitted by Lindsey Wilson College requesting to waive a portion of student teaching days for a student due to a medical issue?

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

KRS 161.028, 16 KAR 5:040

#### **History/Background:**

**Existing Policy:** 16 KAR 5:040, Section 5 provides that each educator preparation provider (EPP) shall provide a full professional semester to include a period of student teaching for a minimum of seventy (70) full days, or its equivalent, in instructional settings that correspond to the grade levels and content areas of the student teacher's certification program.

**Summary:** While attempting the completion of the required seventy (70) days of student teaching, a student encountered an unexpected health issue. A recent diagnosis forced her absence from her placement for a total of three (3) days. These absences were unavoidable as the student was restricted from being in the classroom by her doctor. Lindsey Wilson College stated the student "has been a model student at LWC with a 3.60 GPA. She has excelled in our educational preparation program as an Elementary Education major. She has passed both her content and PLT praxis assessments and received the highest marks on her Stage 2 gateway portfolio and presentation scores before entering into student teaching. She also received high marks on all dispositions from content faculty during her professional preparation courses." Due to unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of the student, Lindsey Wilson College has requested to waive three (3) days of the required seventy (70) days of student teaching for this student.

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

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