

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Waiver:

16 KAR 5:040. Request to Waive Student Teacher Days Due to District School Closures for the University of Pikeville Students

Action Question:

Should the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) approve the request to waive ten (10) student teaching days for the student teachers listed by the University of Pikeville due to district closures during the Spring 2025 term?

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: District closures due to severe weather and flooding have made it extremely difficult for some student teachers from the University of Pikeville to complete the required seventy (70) full days in instructional settings before the close of the Spring 2025 higher education academic semester. District closures due to flooding and severe weather are out of the control of the student teachers and the EPP; however, both have made good faith efforts to include supplemental instruction while completing as many hours as possible during the semester. The University of Pikeville has submitted a list of thirteen (13) student teachers that were affected and is requesting that ten (10) days of student teaching be waived for each.

Budget Impact: There is no budgetary impact.

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