

## **KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

### **STAFF NOTE**

#### **Waiver:**

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

#### **Action Question:**

Should the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) approve Graves 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 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:*** Graves County Schools has been unsuccessful in finding qualified teachers for an English as a Second Language position. The candidate has taught in the district for the past two years under emergency certification. The district posted the job in the Kentucky Educator Placement Service (KEPS) and had four candidates; however, three were not qualified. This candidate has looked at the Option 6 and Option 7 alternative routes to teacher certification but does not qualify since his degree is in business. The candidate is pursuing the Proficiency route and needs to take the Praxis exams but is having issues with his Educational Testing Service account. The district states that the candidate will continue to pursue this route until it is completed. 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.

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