

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Waiver:

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

Action Question:

Should the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) approve Union County's request to allow for a fourth 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: Union County Schools has been unsuccessful in finding qualified teachers for Chemistry Grades 9-12. The candidate is certified in middle school science and is planning to take the Praxis to extend her certification. The district states the candidate has struggled with Educational Testing Service to gain accommodations needed to take the test and another year will allow for the accommodation plan approval and to schedule the assessment. The district has attended job fairs and worked with universities to recruit science teachers. A certified chemistry teacher has not applied for this position. The district is requesting that the EPSB waive the number of years an emergency certificate can be offered and issue a fourth emergency certificate for this candidate.

Budget Impact: There is no budgetary impact.

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