

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 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: Union County Schools has been unsuccessful in finding qualified teachers for secondary mathematics. The candidate is certified in middle school mathematics and is planning to take the Praxis to extend her certification. She is also currently completing a program to gain high school mathematics certification. The district has attended job fairs and worked with universities to recruit mathematics teachers. A certified mathematics 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 third emergency certificate for this candidate.

Budget Impact: There is no budgetary impact.

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