

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Waiver:

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

Action Question:

Should the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) approve Christian 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: Christian County Schools has been unsuccessful in finding qualified teachers for a business education position. The district has posted the position, and all other applicants would require emergency certification as well. The district reports that the candidate has shown strong commitment and effectiveness in the classroom. They state his professionalism, rapport with students, and alignment with the schools' mission make him uniquely positioned to contribute meaningfully to their academic and school climate goals. 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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