

## **KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

### **STAFF NOTE**

#### **Waiver:**

16 KAR 2:120. Request to Waive Emergency Certificate Requirements for Covington Independent Schools

#### **Action Question:**

Should the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) approve Covington Independent School'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:*** Covington Independent Schools has been unsuccessful in finding qualified teachers for a middle school mathematics position. The district states the candidate is currently exploring her options and financials but plans to enroll in a program to get her master's in teaching. The district also states that the candidate is an excellent teacher and an asset to their middle school. 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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