

## **KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

### **STAFF NOTE**

#### **Waiver:**

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

#### **Action Question:**

Should the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) approve Mason 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:*** Mason County Schools has been unsuccessful in finding qualified teachers for chemistry. The candidate is currently certified in middle school science. The district states they had zero fully certified applicants but were informed that this candidate was interested and had experience teaching chemistry. She also has eighteen years of classroom experience and will pursue the Highly Qualified route to become certified in chemistry. The district stated her first emergency certification was only used for 24% of her school day. 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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