

## **KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

### **STAFF NOTE**

#### **Waiver:**

16 KAR 2:120. Request to Waive Emergency Certificate Requirements for Model Laboratory Schools

#### **Action Question:**

Should the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) approve Model Laboratory 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:*** Model Laboratory Schools at Eastern Kentucky University has been unsuccessful in finding qualified teachers for Spanish. School starts on August 25<sup>th</sup>, and the candidate must retake the Praxis assessment which is scheduled for September 22<sup>nd</sup>. The school states the candidate has done well as a teacher and just needed more time to prepare for a retake of the assessment, which is why they requested an emergency last school year. He was supposed to retake the assessment during the summer but considered not returning due to fear of not passing again. The candidate decided to return, but this caused a delay in rescheduling the assessment in a timely manner. Model Laboratory Schools 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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