

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Waiver:

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

Action Question:

Should the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) approve Warren County's request to waive the grade point average (GPA) requirement for issuance of an emergency certificate?

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KRS 161.028, 16 KAR 2:120

History/Background:

Existing Policy: 16 KAR 2:120 establishes the requirements for issuance of an emergency certificate. These requirements include a minimum of a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or a 2.75 on a 4.0 scale on the last thirty hours of credit completed.

Summary: Warren County Schools have been unsuccessful in finding qualified teachers for a family and consumer science position. The district states there were no other viable candidates. The candidate is enrolled in courses to help raise her GPA and subsequently applying for the Option 6 route in family and consumer science. She is also participating in the in-house mentoring program at the high school and contributes to after-school programs and activities. The district is requesting that the EPSB waive the required GPA and issue an emergency certificate for this candidate.

Budget Impact: There is no budgetary impact.

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