

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Waiver:

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

Action Question:

Should the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) approve McLean County'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: McLean County Schools has been unsuccessful in finding qualified teachers for middle school science. The candidate was approved for secondary chemistry through the Option 1 alternative route based on her chemistry major. She is unable to do the Highly Qualified route currently to extend her certification down to middle school but is working on meeting those requirements. The district states that the candidate will continue to pursue all avenues for middle school science and is scheduling the Praxis assessment. 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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