

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Waiver:

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

Action Question:

Should the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) approve Nelson County School'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: Nelson County Schools has been unsuccessful in finding qualified teachers for a physics position. This candidate is certified in business and marketing and aviation technology. The district states they have numerous open science positions, and this candidate would be teaching physics for 20% of their day. The class is at a local airport supported by this candidate and other aerospace professionals. 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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