

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Waiver:

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

Action Question:

Should the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) approve Christian 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) provides, "The emergency certificate shall be limited to two (2) issuances. A candidate may qualify for an additional issuance if: (a) The emergency certificate was issued after February 15 of a school year; or (b) The emergency certificate was issued for less than fifty (50) percent of the person's class schedule."

Summary: Christian County Schools has been unsuccessful in finding qualified teachers for elementary education. The district states they have a lack of certified applicants. The candidate is willing to enroll in a program to receive the certification; however, she has fees due to another university that she is not presently financially able to pay, which has resulted in that university refusing to release her transcripts. 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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