

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Waiver:

16 KAR 2:120. Request to Waive Emergency Certificate Requirements for Walton Verona Independent Schools.

Action Question:

Should the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) approve Walton Verona Independent'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) provides, "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: Walton Verona Independent Schools has been unsuccessful in finding qualified teachers for one of its open Spanish positions. The candidate has attempted to pass the Praxis but, while she has demonstrated continual improvement with each attempt, has been unsuccessful thus far. The district states she has consistently earned Accomplished and Exemplary evaluations. She earned a degree in Spanish with a high GPA and was recognized with the CEPT I Excellence in Spanish Instruction Award in 2021. 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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