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**LIZZETTE REYNOLDS**  
COMMISSIONER

**Via Electronic Mail**

August 2, 2023

Melanie Dickerson, Interim Director of Schools  
Robertson County Schools  
800 M S Coutts Boulevard  
Springfield, TN 37172

Re: Waiver Request for Maximum Time in Transit

Dear Director Dickerson:

I am in receipt of your July 31, 2023 LEA Waiver Request Form requesting a waiver of the maximum transit time requirements in Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-2105 as a result of rezoning. Your request for a waiver of the maximum transit time is granted for the 2023-24 school year upon the condition that no student is in transit for longer than 110 minutes.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Lizzette  
Reynolds\_CLB

Digitally signed by  
Lizzette Reynolds\_CLB  
Date: 2023.08.21  
09:18:00 -05'00'

Lizzette Reynolds  
Commissioner



**Tennessee Department of Education – Office of The Commissioner**

710 James Robertson Parkway - Andrew Johnson Tower, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor - Nashville, TN 37243

## Local Education Agency Waiver Request

Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 49-1-201(d), upon application by the local education agency (LEA) for one or more of its schools, the commissioner of education may waive any state board rule or statute that inhibits or hinders the LEA's ability to meet its goals or comply with its mission. Please submit completed forms to [Commissioner.Education@tn.gov](mailto:Commissioner.Education@tn.gov). Following review by the commissioner, the LEA will be notified in writing if the waiver request is approved or denied. Unless otherwise stated, all waivers granted by the commissioner shall be granted for one-year terms.

Waivers may **not** be granted by the commissioner for regulatory or statutory requirements related to:

- (A) Federal and state civil rights;
- (B) Federal, state and local health and safety;
- (C) Federal and state public records;
- (D) Immunizations;
- (E) Possession of weapons on school grounds;
- (F) Background checks and fingerprinting of personnel;
- (G) Federal and state special education services;
- (H) Student due process;
- (I) Parental rights;
- (J) Federal and state student assessment and accountability;
- (K) Open meetings;
- (L) Educators' due process rights;
- (M) Reductions in teachers' salaries;
- (N) Employee rights, salaries and benefits; and
- (O) Licensure of employees.

**Local Education Agency: Robertson County Schools**

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**School Information (if applicable):**

School Name: **All Schools**

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Street:

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please list the statute(s) and/or state board rule(s) for which waiver is being requested:**

TCA § 49-6-2105 Maximum Transit Time

**Explanation of how the statute(s) and/or state board rule(s) inhibits or hinders the local education agency's ability to meet its goals or comply with its mission:**

Due to rezoning approved by the Department of Justice, a few routes could exceed the time limit allowed by law.

**Expected duration of the condition necessitating this waiver request:**

The expected duration of the condition necessitating this waiver request is for the 2023-2024 school year.

**Director of Schools (Signature)**

Melanie Dickerson

Print Name Melanie Dickerson

Date July 31, 2023

**From:** [Lizzette Reynolds](#)  
**To:** [Christy Ballard](#)  
**Cc:** [Nikkie Kiene](#); [Kristen B. McKeever](#); [Sam Percy](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Robertson County Schools - Maximum Time in Transit (8.2.2023).pdf  
**Date:** Monday, August 21, 2023 9:37:23 AM

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Approved!

Lizzette Reynolds

On Aug 21, 2023, at 9:20 AM, Christy Ballard <[Christy.Ballard@tn.gov](mailto:Christy.Ballard@tn.gov)> wrote:

Commissioner:

This is a waiver that we have granted to many in the past for various reasons. We do limit it to 110 minutes. If you agree, Nikkie will send it and post it to the website.

Thanks!

<Robertson County Schools - Maximum Time in Transit (8.2.2023).pdf>