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**CANDICE MCQUEEN**  
COMMISSIONER

September 28, 2016

Dr. Linda Cash  
Director of Schools  
Bradley County Schools  
800 South Lee Hwy.  
Cleveland, TN 37311

Dear Dr. Cash,

I am in receipt of your August 17, 2016 letter requesting a waiver of the class size average found in T.C.A. §49-1-104 for Career and Technical Education classes at Walker Valley High School for the 2016-2017 school year.

The commissioner's waiver authority under T.C.A. §49-1-201(d) is limited by T.C.A. §49-1-104(a), which states that "neither the commissioner nor the state board of education shall grant waivers from the maximum class sizes established in this section."

With the understanding that none of the Career and Technical Education classes at Walker Valley High School will exceed the maximum number of students per class specified in the above referenced law, your request for a waiver of the class size average is granted for the 2016-2017 school year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Candice McQueen".

Dr. Candice McQueen  
Commissioner of Education

# Bradley County Schools

Dr. Linda Cash  
Director of  
Schools

August 17, 2016

Dr. Candice McQueen  
Commissioner of Education  
Tennessee Department of Education  
710 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, TN 37243

Dear Commissioner McQueen,

Walker Valley High School in Cleveland Tennessee has experienced an increase in the enrollment in Career and Technical Education classes due to additional offerings in Health Science and Mechatronics/Advanced Manufacturing Education. In the previous years the building average size has been a challenge for this school with the average resting at 20. However this year without a waiver the school would be required to turn away at least 60 students the first semester and even more in the second semester. It would also eliminate student requests for the current semester in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter.

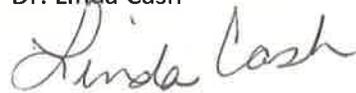
This letter is to request an exemption to the Tennessee Code Annotated, section 49-1-104 limiting the CTE class building average to 20. With the waiver we understand that no class can exceed 25 students. The CTE classes are equipped and have the capacity to serve 25 students. The waiver will allow an additional 249 students to be served through the CTE programs at Walker Valley High School.

In 2014, Bradley County Schools received a U.S. Department of Labor Youth CareerConnect grant. This grant opened up opportunities to expand the areas of Health Science, Advanced Manufacturing, Information Technology and Work-Based Learning. All of these areas have been identified as high skill, high wage, and high demand areas as well as areas for future job growth under the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Along with this grant, the school system received \$75,000 in funding from a private foundation to provide an additional teacher to meet industry demand in Advanced Manufacturing for our community.

In order to prepare college and career ready students through CTE classes, we request the exemption to Tennessee Code Annotated section 49-1-104 be granted allowing Walker Valley High School the ability to accommodate the maximum 25 students per Career and Technical Education class, waiving the 20 per building class average.

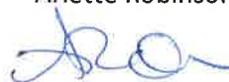
Thank you in advanced for your consideration.

Dr. Linda Cash



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