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Via U.S. Mail and Electronic Mail

March 9, 2018

Dr. Chris Causey, Director of Schools
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Re: Waiver for Career and Technical Education Classes

Dear Dr. Causey:

I am in receipt of your February 21, 2018 letter requesting a waiver of the class size average for Career and Technical Education classes found in T.C.A. §49-1-104 for the Robertson County School system for the 2018-2019 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 in the Robertson County School system will exceed 25, 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 2018-2019 school year.

Please do not hesitate to call me if you have further questions.

Sincerely,


Candice McQueen
Commissioner

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February 21, 2018

Dear Commissioner McQueen,

Robertson County Schools is seeing an increase in the number of students that are enrolling in CTE Programs of Study. As this number increases it has become difficult to maintain a building average of 20 students per class and meet the needs of our students for graduation.

Each of our CTE classrooms is equipped to accommodate 25 students. In order to meet the average of 20 students we are forced to leave seats empty and equipment idle. Currently, we are losing 5 seats for every CTE section due to the need to comply with the average of 20. The CTE programs we have are at maximum capacity in three of our five high schools. We expect our enrollment numbers in CTE to grow again in 2018-19.


Robertson County Schools is requesting an exemption to the school average of 20 students in CTE classes contained in Tennessee Annotated Code, section 49-1-104 be extended for the 2018-19 school year. This waiver was granted for 2016-17 and has been a great benefit to our schools that are at capacity. We will continue to maintain the 25 students per class maximum.

Dr. Chris Causey



Robertson County Schools
Director of Schools

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Robertson County Schools
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