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CANDICE MCQUEEN
COMMISSIONER

Via Electronic Mail & USPS

October 17, 2018

Mr. Bobby Cox, Director of Schools
Warren County Schools
2548 Morrison Street
McMinnville, TN 37110-3617

Re: Waiver for Class Size Average at Centertown Elementary School

Dear Mr. Cox:

I am in receipt of your September 24, 2018 letter requesting a waiver of the class size average for seventh and eighth grade classes found in T.C.A. §49-1-104 at Centertown Elementary School 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 seventh and eighth grade classes at Centertown Elementary School will exceed 35, 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Candice McQueen" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Candice McQueen
Commissioner



710 James Robertson Parkway - Andrew Johnson Tower, 9th Floor - Nashville, TN 37243

Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 49-1-201(d), upon application by the local education agency for one (1) 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.Mcqueen@tn.gov. Following review by the commissioner, the district 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:

Warren County Schools

School Information (if applicable):

School Name:
Centertown Elementary School

Street:
376 Warrior Blvd

City: McMinnville

Zip Code: 37110

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

49-1-201(d)(1)

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:

Centertown Elementary School, seventh / eighth grade is over the class size requirement by .50. Currently there are 122 students in seventh (67 students) and eighth grade (55 students) served by four teachers. This calculates to 30.50 students (class size). To prevent disruption of the school's current grade level alignment, a waiver is requested for class size requirement.

Expected duration of the condition necessitating this waiver request:

School Year 2018-19

Director of Schools (Signature)



Print Name

John R. Cox

Date

9-24-18

