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COMMISSIONER

January 15, 2015

***Via United Electronic Mail***

Dr. Mike Looney, Superintendent of Schools  
Williamson County Schools  
1320 West Main Street, Suite 202  
Franklin, TN 37064-3700

Dear Dr. Looney:

I am in receipt of your January 9, 2015, letter requesting a waiver of Tennessee State Board of Education rule 0520-1-03(3), regarding class size for grades K-12, for Williamson County Schools from January 9 through the end of the 2014-15 school year.

Please note that the class size standards for grades K-12 are also provided in state law at Tenn. Code Ann. §49-1-104. The commissioner's waiver authority under Tenn. Code Ann. §49-2-704(b) is limited by Tenn. Code Ann. § 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 your classes will exceed the maximum number of students specified in the above referenced law, your request for a waiver of the average class size is approved from January 9 through the end of the 2014-15 school year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Huffman", written over a horizontal line.

Kevin Huffman  
Commissioner

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January 9, 2015

Commissioner Kevin Huffman  
Tennessee Department of Education  
710 James Robertson Parkway  
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Re: Request for Waiver of Pupil-teacher ratio

Dear Commissioner Huffman:

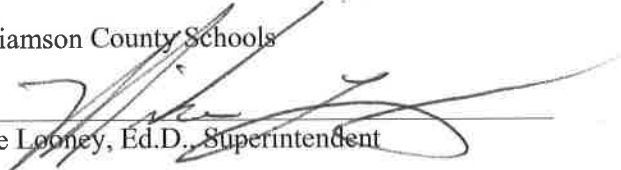
This letter is to request a waiver in accordance with your statutory authority under T.C.A. §49-2-704(b) to waive rules, regulations and statutes that inhibits or hinders the district's ability to meet its goals or comply with its mission statement, as follows:

Williamson County Schools continues to experience growth. With the second semester having begun, it often negatively impacts instruction to break classes and reassign students to new teachers when the average or maximum class size in a grade level area is exceeded by a new student or two. It is also difficult during this time to find excellent teachers in many grade levels and subject areas because the vast majority of them are already under contract.

Based on the above, we request a waiver of TRR 0520-1-03-.03(3), Class Size for Grades K-12, from the date of this letter through the end of the 2014-2015 school year.

Sincerely yours,

Williamson County Schools

By:   
Mike Looney, Ed.D., Superintendent