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**Via Email and USPS**

May 9, 2017

Mr. Mike Brown, Director of Schools  
Paris Special School District  
1219 Highway 641 South  
Paris, TN 38242  
[Mike.Brown@parisssd.org](mailto:Mike.Brown@parisssd.org)

Re: Waiver Request

Dear Mr. Brown:

I am in receipt of your May 8, 2017 email requesting a waiver for the Paris Special School District of State Board of Education Rule 0520-01-03-.07(2), requiring schools to employ a certain number of library information specialists per school who hold endorsements as library information specialists.

Pursuant to my authority under T.C.A. §49-1-201(d), your waiver request is hereby granted for one year.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Candice McQueen".

Candice McQueen  
Commissioner

## Nikkie Kiene

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**Subject:** RE: Request for Waiver for 17-18

> From: Mike Brown [mailto:Mike.Brown@parisssd.org]

> Sent: Monday, May 8, 2017 10:44 AM

> To: Elizabeth Fiveash

> Cc: Sara Morrison; Commissioner McQueen

> Subject: Request for Waiver for 17-18

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> attachments or click links from unknown senders or unexpected email -

> STS-Security. \*\*\* Mrs. Fiveash,

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> I am writing to request an additional year of waiver of State Board of Education Rule 0520-01-03-.07 requiring schools to employ a certain number of library information specialists per school who hold endorsements as library information specialists. For your information I am including the original request dated April 2015 and the approval letter. We were granted an additional year in April 2016 because the State Board had not completed its review of the Rule any proposed changes that might be made per that review. I have communicated with Dr. Sara Morrison and she has indicated that their review process is ongoing but not yet completed.

> The waiver has indeed provided the flexibility that our district is seeking and has helped us to be more effective in our implementation and delivery of RTI services to our students. We respectfully request that we be granted another year of this flexibility! Please review our request and present it to the Commissioner for approval. The hard copy of this request is signed by both the current and the incoming Directors for the Paris Special School District.

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> Thank You!

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> Mike Brown

> Dr. Norma Gerrell

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