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Via Email and USPS

September 4, 2019

Jennifer Terry, Director of Schools
Blesoe County Schools
478 Spring Street
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Re: Waiver Request

Dear Director Terry:

I am in receipt of your August 29, 2019 request for a waiver for Bledsoe County Schools 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 the 2019-2020 school year.

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

Sincerely,


Dr. Penny Schwinn
Commissioner

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To: Commissioner Schwinn
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Wavier Request

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Commissioner Schwinn,

On behalf of Bledsoe County Schools, I am requesting a waiver 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. It is my opinion that the role of the library has changed in the past few years. With the additional challenges of RTI, our students would be better served with a person who can help teachers with Literacy Interventions and supplemental enrichment materials to be used in the library and in the regular classroom. I am requesting the flexibility to retain a teacher for the position. I feel this would be in the best interest of our schools and students and not be limited by the requirement of a licensed/certified librarian.

Please consider this an official request for a waiver from the State Board Rule stated. We believe this is the best for the students in Bledsoe County.

Regards,
Jennifer Terry
Bledsoe County
Director of Schools

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