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**PENNY SCHWINN**  
COMMISSIONER

**Via Electronic Mail**

September 17, 2021

Jeffery Mayo, Director of Schools  
Arlington Community Schools  
12060 Arlington Trail  
Arlington, TN 38002

Re: Waiver for Career and Technical Education Class Size for the 2021-22 School Year

Dear Director Mayo:

I am in receipt of your September 17, 2021 letter requesting a waiver of the class size average for Career and Technical Education classes found in Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-1-104 at Arlington High School.

The commissioner's waiver authority under Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-1-201(d) 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 the Career and Technical Education classes at Arlington High School will exceed 25, the maximum number of students per class specified in the above referenced statute, your request for a waiver of the class size average is granted for the 2021-22 school year.

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

Sincerely,

Dr. Penny Schwinn  
Commissioner



Jeffery Mayo  
Superintendent

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September 17, 2021

Dr. Penny Schwinn, Commissioner  
Tennessee Department of Education  
Andrew Johnson Tower  
710 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

Dear Commissioner Schwinn:

Arlington Community Schools would like to request a waiver on the class size average mandates for CTE courses at Arlington High School.

Arlington High School will continue to adhere to the class size maximums for CTE.

Arlington High School offers a wide range of CTE programs, and there are factors that justify us in presenting this request:

- Increased interest and enrollment in our new AHS STEM Hub at Arlington High School
- Increased enrollment in many of our CTE courses because of dual enrollment, dual credit enrollment and industry certification options

This waiver will allow more students to take advantage of these rigorous courses and to develop college and career readiness skills. In addition, more students interested and enrolled in these CTE courses will be able to obtain early post-secondary credentials.

Please let me know if you need additional information or further clarification or justification for this request.

Sincerely,

Jeffery Mayo  
Superintendent