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Via Electronic Mail

August 29, 2022

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

Re: Waiver for Career and Technical Education Classes

Dear Director Mayo:

I am in receipt of your August 25, 2022 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 for the 2022-23 school year.

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 law, your request for a waiver of the class size average is granted for the 2022-23 school year.

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

Sincerely,

Dr. Penny Schwinn
Commissioner



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August 25, 2022

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 courses.

With 14 programs of study, several factors justify us in presenting this request:

- Increased offerings of Work-Based Learning courses
- Increased enrollment in CTE courses with Dual Enrollment, Dual Credit, and Industry Credential offerings
- Increased retention of students within programs of study to reach completer status

This waiver will allow more students to take advantage of these opportunities and develop college and career readiness skills. Increased enrollment also provides more students opportunities to earn post-secondary and industry credentials.

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

Sincerely,

Jeffery Mayo
Superintendent