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**PENNY SCHWINN**  
COMMISSIONER

**Via Electronic Mail**

April 12, 2022

Dr. Linda Cash, Director of Schools  
Bradley County Schools  
800 South Lee Highway  
Cleveland, TN 37311

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

Dear Director Cash:

I am in receipt of your April 11, 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 Lake Forest Middle School and Ocoee Middle 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 Lake Forest Middle School or Ocoee Middle 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 remainder of the 2021-22 school year.

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

Sincerely,

Dr. Penny Schwinn  
Commissioner

# Bradley County Schools

Arlette Robinson  
**Director of  
Career and  
Technical  
Education**

Commissioner Penny Schwinn  
Commissioner of Education  
Tennessee Department of Education  
710 James Robertson Parkway  
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Dear Commissioner Schwinn,

Bradley County Schools CTE middle school classes at Lake Forest Middle School and Ocoee Middle School have only one teacher at each school with classes in Career Exploration and STEM Education. Due to this we are limited in the amount of spots open for students to explore CTE at the middle school level. While we are limited in the class space for students, CTE engages all students with career interest activities and engaging STEM activities to prepare students for transition to high school and beyond.

This letter is to request an exemption to the Tennessee Code Annotated, section 49-1-104 limiting the CTE class building average to 20. With the waiver we understand that no class can exceed 25 students. The CTE classes are equipped and have the capacity to serve 25 students.

In order to prepare college and career ready students through CTE classes, we request the exemption to Tennessee Code Annotated section 49-1-104 be granted allowing Bradley County Schools the ability to accommodate the maximum 25 students per Career and Technical Education class, waiving the 20 per building class average for the middle schools for the 2021-2022 school year.

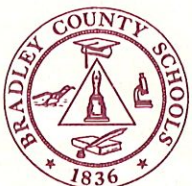
Thank you in advanced for your consideration.

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