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LIZZETTE REYNOLDS
COMMISSIONER

Via Electronic Mail

August 2, 2023

Dr. Danny L. Weeks, Director of Schools
Dickson County Schools
817 N Charlotte Street
Dickson, TN 37055

Re: Waiver Request for Maximum Time in Transit

Dear Director Weeks:

I am in receipt of your August 2, 2023 LEA Waiver Request Form requesting a waiver of the maximum transit time requirements in Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-2105 as a result of some students living in remote areas of the school district. Your request for a waiver of the maximum transit time is granted for the 2023-24 school year upon the condition that no student is in transit for longer than 110 minutes.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Lizzette
Reynolds_CLB

Digitally signed by
Lizzette Reynolds_CLB
Date: 2023.08.21
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Lizzette Reynolds
Commissioner



Tennessee Department of Education – Office of The Commissioner

710 James Robertson Parkway - Andrew Johnson Tower, 9th Floor - Nashville, TN 37243

Local Education Agency Waiver Request

Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 49-1-201(d), upon application by the local education agency for one (1) or more of its schools, the commissioner of education may waive any state board rule or statute that inhibits or hinders the LEA's ability to meet its goals or comply with its mission. Please submit completed forms to Commissioner.Schwinn@tn.gov. Following review by the commissioner, the district will be notified in writing if the waiver request is approved or denied. Unless otherwise stated, all waivers granted by the commissioner shall be granted for one year terms.

Waivers may **not** be granted by the commissioner for regulatory or statutory requirements related to:

- (A) Federal and state civil rights;
- (B) Federal, state and local health and safety;
- (C) Federal and state public records;
- (D) Immunizations;
- (E) Possession of weapons on school grounds;
- (F) Background checks and fingerprinting of personnel;
- (G) Federal and state special education services;
- (H) Student due process;
- (I) Parental rights;
- (J) Federal and state student assessment and accountability;
- (K) Open meetings;
- (L) Educators' due process rights;
- (M) Reductions in teachers' salaries;
- (N) Employee rights, salaries and benefits; and (O) Licensure of employees.

Local Education Agency:

DICKSON COUNTY SCHOOLS (220)

School Information (if applicable):

School Name: n/a

Street:

City:

Zip Code:

Please list the statute(s) and/or state board rule(s) for which waiver is being requested:

TCA 49-6-2105: Maximum transit time

Explanation of how the statute(s) and/or state board rule(s) inhibits or hinders the local education agency's ability to meet its goals or comply with its mission: We have some special education students in the extreme limits of school zones that transportation time is very close to maximum transit time. We verify the condition that no student will be in transit more than 110 (one hundred ten) minutes.

Expected duration of the condition necessitating this waiver request: 2023-2024 SY

Director of Schools (Signature)

Danny L. Weeks, Ed.D.

Print Name Danny L. Weeks

Date 08.03.23

From: [Lizzette Reynolds](#)
To: [Christy Ballard](#)
Cc: [Kristen B. McKeever](#); [Nikkie Kiene](#); [Sam Percy](#)
Subject: Re: Dickson County Schools - Maximum Time in Transit (8.2.2023).pdf
Date: Monday, August 21, 2023 9:38:37 AM

Approved!

Lizzette Reynolds

On Aug 21, 2023, at 9:26 AM, Christy Ballard <Christy.Ballard@tn.gov> wrote:

This is another max transit waiver. It is for sped students who live in remote areas of the county. We have granted this waiver in the past under different circumstances and will send the letter granting this one if you approve.

<[Dickson County Schools - Maximum Time in Transit \(8.2.2023\).pdf](#)>