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Via Email and US Mail

October 18, 2021

Steve Starnes, Director of Schools
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Re: Waiver for Career and Technical Education Classes

Dear Director. Starnes:

I am in receipt of your October 18, 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 Greeneville High School and Greene Technology Center for the 2021-22 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 Greeneville High School or Greene Technology Center 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 2021-22 school year.

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

Sincerely,

Dr. Penny Schwinn
Commissioner



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Penny Schwinn, Commissioner
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Dear Commissioner McQueen,

The Greeneville City Schools Board of Education would like to request a waiver of the class size average mandates for CTE courses at Greeneville High School and Greene Technology Center. **Both schools will continue to adhere to the class size maximums for CTE.**

Our configuration of CTE course offerings is unique. We offer some CTE courses at Greeneville High School, but we also offer courses at Greene Technology Center, which is located at a separate location. Greene Technology Center is a partnership between Greeneville City and Greene County Schools. 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 will have the opportunity to graduate with industry certifications.

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

Sincerely,

Steve Starnes

Director of Schools

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