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**PENNY SCHWINN**  
COMMISSIONER

**Via Email and USPS**

October 30, 2020

Glenda Dykes, Director of Schools  
Grundy County Schools  
1376 Main Street  
Altamont, TN 37301

Re: Waiver Request

Dear Director Dykes:

I am in receipt of your September 25, 2020 request for a waiver for Grundy County Schools of State Board of Education Rule 0520-01-03-.07(2), requiring schools to employ a certain number of library information specialists per school who hold endorsements as library information specialists.

Pursuant to my authority under T.C.A. §49-1-201(d), your waiver request is hereby granted for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dr. Penny Schwinn  
Commissioner



## 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](mailto: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:**

          Grundy County Schools          

**School Information (if applicable):**

School Name:           Grundy County School District          

Street:           1376 Main Street          

City:           Altamont, TN           Zip Code:           37301

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

0520-01-03-07 (2) Library Information Center Personnel - It requires schools to employ a certain number of information specialists per school who hold a library information specialists endorsement.

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:

Since the role of the librarian as a media specialist has changed over the past few years, our students would best be served with an educational assistant to provide instruction during RTI<sup>2</sup> times for small groups and other educational needs to help students gain

Expected duration of the condition necessitating this waiver request:

This will remain our objective until another educational need is identified in the future.

and master skills and standards they may have lost during COVID-19.

Director of Schools (Signature)

Glenda M. Dykes

Print Name

Glenda M. Dykes

Date

9-25-2020