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COMMISSIONER

Via Email and USPS

January 10, 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 January 9, 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 2019-2020 school year.

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

Sincerely,


Dr. Penny Schwinn
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:

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 amount/number of library information specialists per school who hold the library information.

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 endorsement role of the library has changed tremendously

over the past few years, our students would best be served with an educational assistant to provide tech skills to better use a computer & to be better prepared for taking benchmark and state tests. Students must learn to type

Expected duration of the condition necessitating this waiver request:

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

and use a computer effectively to write their essays on the tests.

Director of Schools (Signature)

Glenda M. Dykes

Print Name Glenda M. Dykes

Date 1-9-20