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**PENNY SCHWINN**  
COMMISSIONER

**Via Electronic Mail**

March 4, 2022

Dr. Jeanne K. Barker, Director of Schools  
Lenoir City Schools  
200 East Broadway  
Lenoir City, TN 37771

Re: Waiver for Career and Technical Education Class Size for the 2022-23 School Year

Dear Director Barker:

I am in receipt of your March 3, 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 Lenoir City High 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 Lenoir City High 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 2022-23 school year.

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

Sincerely,

Dr. Penny Schwinn  
Commissioner



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Dear Commissioner Schwinn,

Lenoir City Schools is pleased to offer CTE pathway programs at Lenoir City High School. I respectfully request an exemption to the Tennessee Annotated Code, section 49-1-104 statute that limits the building-level average for CTE courses to 20 students.

For the 2022-2023 school year, Lenoir City Schools is requesting an exemption to the building-level class-size average. Lenoir City Schools continues to see an increase in our high school population and currently, we are seeing an increase in course requests for our CTE programs. Projected numbers show that all but two of our CTE classes will be at maximum capacity. Limiting the class size average to 20 would prohibit students from being able to participate in courses such as Teaching as a Profession, health science, criminal justice, and culinary arts, that align with our current workforce needs.

The mission of Lenoir City Schools is to "build Lenoir City's future...one student at a time". Eliminating the class size average of 20 students per CTE course will allow more students to choose a CTE elective focus and will allow us to focus on creating more opportunities for students to gain vital college and career preparedness skills. To better prepare our students for the future, we request that the exemption to the TCA Code, section 49-1-104 be granted for the 2022-2023 school year.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jeanne K. Barker, Ed.D.  
Director of Schools  
Lenoir City Schools