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**LIZZETTE REYNOLDS**  
COMMISSIONER

**Via Electronic Mail**

September 10, 2024

Dr. Danny Weeks, Director of Schools  
Robertson County Schools  
800 M S Coutts Boulevard  
Springfield, TN 37172

Re: Waiver Request for Maximum Time in Transit

Dear Director Weeks:

I am in receipt of your July 27, 2024 request of a waiver of the Maximum Transit Time requirements in Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-2105 as a result some special education students residing in the far limits of their assigned school zones. Your request for a waiver of the maximum transit time is granted for the 2024-25 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  
Commissioner



## Tennessee Department of Education – Office of The Commissioner

710 James Robertson Parkway - Andrew Johnson Tower, 9<sup>th</sup> 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 (LEA) for one 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.Education@tn.gov](mailto:Commissioner.Education@tn.gov). Following review by the commissioner, the LEA 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:

ROBERTSON CO (740)

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

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:

some special education students we have in extreme limits of school zones that transit time is very close to the maximum. We verify that no student will be in transit no more than 110 minutes. Expected duration of the condition necessitating this waiver request:

24-25 SY

Director of Schools (Signature)

  
Danny L Weeks

Print Name

07-27-24

Date