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Via Electronic Mail and USPS

September 22, 2017

Dr. Jeff Moorhouse, Director of Schools
Greeneville City Schools
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moorhousej@gcschools.net

Re: Waiver for Average Class Size for K-3 Classes at Highland Elementary and Hal Henard Elementary

Dear Dr. Moorhouse:

I am in receipt of your September 21, 2017 letter requesting a waiver of the class size average for K-3 classes found in T.C.A. §49-1-104 for Highland Elementary and Hal Henard Elementary for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year.

The commissioner's waiver authority under T.C.A. §49-1-201(d) is limited by T.C.A. §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 K-3 classes at Highland Elementary and Hal Henard Elementary 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 remainder of the 2017-2018 school year.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Candice McQueen".

Candice McQueen
Commissioner



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September 21, 2017

Commissioner Candice McQueen
Tennessee Department of Education
710 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37243

Dear Commissioner McQueen:

The Greeneville City Schools Board of Education would like to request a waiver of the class size average mandates in grades K-3 for Highland Elementary and Hal Henard Elementary. Both schools will continue to adhere to the class size maximums for all grades.

The current K-3 class average at Highland Elementary is 20.4 and the average at Hal Henard Elementary is 20.3. The Greeneville City School district goes above state requirements in every area of teacher and student support. All kindergarten classes at both schools have a teacher assistant that is fully dedicated to each classroom. There are also additional adult supports in place in all classrooms in grades 1-3 with additional teacher assistant time, as well as additional classroom support from related arts teachers. These schools have 2-3 adults in each classroom for the majority of the day.

We will adjust staffing prior to the 2018-2019 school year; however, this waiver is needed for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year. Please let me know if you need additional information or further clarification or justification for this request.

Sincerely,

Jeff Moorhouse, Ed.D.
Director of Schools

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