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COMMISSIONER

**Via Electronic Mail**

August 16, 2021

Jeff Luttrell, Director of Schools  
Wilson County Schools  
415 Harding Drive  
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Re: Waiver for Career and Technical Education Class Size for the 2021-22 School Year

Dear Director Luttrell:

I am in receipt of your August 15, 2021 letter requesting a waiver of the class size average for Career and Technical Education classes found in Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-1-104 for the following high schools in Wilson County Schools for the 2021-22 school year: Lebanon High School, Mount Juliet High School, and Watertown 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 the above-mentioned high schools 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 2021-22 school year.

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

Sincerely,

Dr. Penny Schwinn  
Commissioner

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Date: August 15, 2021

From: Jeff Luttrell Director of Schools

To: Dr. Penny Schwinn, Commissioner of Education

Re: CTE Class Size Wavier for Wilson County Schools

According to State Statute, Wilson County Schools asks for a wavier on the Career and Technical Education class size for the 2021-2022 school year. With current pandemic situations coupled with budgetary concerns, we would like to ask the school average exceed 20 and class size exceed 25 students at the following high schools: Lebanon High School, Mount Juliet High School, and Watertown High School. Wilson County Schools is asking that the respected schools be allowed to place 27 students in CTE courses and reach a site average below 22. This will alleviate the many strains on staffing situations and provide access to Career and Technical Education courses to all students.