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Via Electronic Mail

March 24, 2022

Jeff Luttrell, Director of Schools
Wilson County Schools
415 Harding Drive
Lebanon, TN 37087

Re: Waiver Request for Library Information Specialists

Dear Director Luttrell:

I am in receipt of your March 15, 2022 request for a waiver of State Board of Education Rule 0520-01-02-.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 Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-1-201(d), your waiver request is hereby granted for the remainder of the 2021-22 school year.

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

Sincerely,

Dr. Penny Schwinn
Commissioner

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Tuesday, March 15, 2022

State Board of Education
500 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37243

Dear Board:


This letter is a formal request for a waiver of 0520-01-03.07 Library Information Center, which requires Schools including any high school grade shall provide library information personnel as follows:

A school with a current average daily membership of 1,500 or more students shall have two (2) full-time library information specialists, each with endorsement as a library information specialist.

We request that only one licensed library information specialist personnel be required in high schools regardless of the number of students. It is our belief that one librarian regardless of the number of students can address the needs of all of our high school students. We will be using all available resources to host traditional and remote learning opportunities for all students with the limited funding and limited teacher applicants. We will have classified staff that will assist with tasks such as checking out books, re-shelving books, distributing textbooks and other tasks that can assist the library media information specialist. We are also requesting that you look at this regulation and consider changing it permanently. We believe this would be a benefit to many districts and not just Wilson County Schools.

I will be happy to answer any questions as needed.

Sincerely,


Jeff Luttrell
Director of Schools

C: Penny Schwinn