

January 21, 2022

Dear Director Bean,

Thank you for your waiver submission on January 20, 2022.

The commissioner of education may consider waivers related to of the provisions of Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. Chapters 0520-01-03 and 0520-01-13 related to remote instruction to the extent necessary to allow students affected at the classroom or school level by COVID-19 isolation or quarantine to participate in remote instruction. As stated, your district still has the authority to quarantine students and staff on an individual case-by-case basis (not in the aggregate). Waivers will only be considered when a LEA can document and demonstrate a significant impact of COVID-19 quarantine or isolation on school operations, impacting students, teachers, and/or staff. Please note, if a waiver request is granted to a school, all extracurricular activities for that school must also be cancelled for the duration of the waiver period.

The waiver submitted by **Franklin County Schools** for Franklin County High School, Huntland School, South Middle School, North Middle School, Rock Creek Elementary School, Clark Memorial, Dechend Elementary, Sewanee Elementary, Cowan Elementary, Broadview Elementary, and Northlake Elementary is **approved** at this time.

If not already in place, the department also continues to encourage all districts to implement as many mitigation strategies as possible to contain the spread of COVID-19, limit quarantines, and remain in-person, such as utilizing:

- The same or enhanced mitigation strategies used last school year such as temperature checks, physical distancing, frequent handwashing, etc.
- Seating charts in all settings, including classrooms, cafeteria/meals, bus routes, etc.
- Proactively stocking non-perishable items for breakfasts/lunches to account for meal staff absences
- Cohorting students to limit close contacts
- The consideration of masking

I continue to be incredibly grateful for the work of your district, educators, students and families as we collectively address and respond to COVID-19.

Sincerely,

Penny Schwinn, PhD, MAT

Commissioner, Tennessee Department of Education



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Please explain why this waiver is necessary and in-person Instruction is not feasible at this time:
We have many teachers absent and very few Subs available due
to Covid. We are no longer able to cover all of classes. Additionally,
We have over 20% of our students absent and the number of student
absences continues to increase.
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Franklin County School District Local Education Agency 215 South College Street Winchester 37398 Street City Zip O1/21/2022 Director of Schools (Signature)

1. Number of classrooms for which you are requesting a waiver: ______

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Please explain why this waiver is necessary and in-person instruction is not feasible at this time:

COVID cases in the FC community have risen considerably with over 1,000 positive cases in our county. In an attempt to slow the spread and keep all faculty, staff, and students healthy, feel being out Monday. January 25th and Tuesday. January 26th would help accomplish this.

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The number of Covid positive and guarantined students/teachers/staff has made it

difficult to continue with in-person learning. Remote learning will allow us to continue educating students and hopefully reduce the spread of the virus.

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