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**PENNY SCHWINN**  
COMMISSIONER

**Via Email and USPS**

July 11, 2019

Kurt J. Dronebarger, Director of Schools  
White County Schools  
136 Baker Street  
Sparta, TN 38583

Re: Waiver Request

Dear Mr. Dronebarger:

I am in receipt of your July 9, 2019 request for a waiver for BonDeCroit Elementary and Cassville Elementary in White County Schools of State Board of Education Rule 0520-01-03-.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 T.C.A. §49-1-201(d), your waiver request is hereby granted for the 2019-2020 school year.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "PS", written over a horizontal line.

Dr. Penny Schwinn  
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 for one (1) 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.McQueen@tn.gov](mailto:Commissioner.McQueen@tn.gov). Following review by the commissioner, the district 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:

White County Board of Education

School Information (if applicable):

School Name:

BonDeCroft Elementary and Cassville Elementary

Street:

White County BOE/ 136 Baker Street

City:

Sparta

Zip Code:

38583

Please list the statute(s) and/or state board rule(s) for which waiver is being requested:

SBE Rule 0520-01-03.07(2)/ (2) Library Information Center Personnel. 3. In a school with fewer than 400 students, a faculty member shall serve as a library information coordinator. If the library information coordinator is not present during the time that the library is open during regular school hours, staff member(s) shall be designated to provide supervision to students in the library. 4. It is optimal to have the library open outside the regularly scheduled school day and if library personnel specialist or coordinator is not present, appropriate supervision shall be provided to the students in the library.

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:

White County posted and interviewed for a traveling librarian position for two of our elementary schools. Of the qualified applicants, we did not find any of quality who we felt comfortable teaching our students. The waiver request is for a professional teacher who is 3 courses from completing her LMS endorsement. She has passed her Praxis exam, completed her library service hours and comes highly recommended by her EPP (TN Tech).

Expected duration of the condition necessitating this waiver request:

(1) One year.

Director of Schools (Signature)



Print Name

Kurt J. Dronebarger

Date

7/9/19