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Via Email and US Mail

July 25, 2019

Steve Starnes, Director of Schools
Greeneville City Schools
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Re: Waiver for Career and Technical Education Classes

Dear Mr. Starnes:

I am in receipt of your July 25, 2019 letter requesting a waiver of the class size average for Career and Technical Education classes found in T.C.A. §49-1-104 at Greeneville Middle School for the 2019-2020 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 Career and Technical Education classes at Greeneville Middle School 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 2019-2020 school year.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Penny Schwinn", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Dr. Penny Schwinn
Commissioner



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Dr. Penny Schwinn, Commissioner
Tennessee Department of Education
Ninth Floor, Andrew Johnson Tower
710 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37243

Dear Commissioner Schwinn,

The Greenville City Schools Board of Education would like to request a waiver of the class size average mandates for CTE courses at Greenville Middle School. We would like to expose as many students as possible to these beneficial learning experiences. **The school will continue to adhere to the class size maximums for CTE.**

Please let me know if you need additional information, further clarification or justification for this request.

Sincerely,

Steve Starnes
Director of Schools

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