



May 12, 2022

Chair Lillian Hartgrove
Tennessee State Board of Education
Davy Crockett Tower
500 James Robertson Pkwy
Nashville, TN 37243

Letter for Necessity for 2022-23 State Minimum Salary Schedule

Madam Chair,

We request the State Board of Education hear the 2022-23 State Minimum Salary Schedule on final reading at the Board's May 20th quarterly meeting despite its submission six business days in advance of the meeting.

Pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-3-306, the Commissioner of Education is required to annually present and submit to the State Board of Education for approval a state salary schedule for licensed personnel. The Department of Education prepares a fiscal analysis of any policy, rule, or regulation proposed to the State Board of Education. A final proposal for this item was delayed due to the timing of legislative session's conclusion and passage of the Fiscal Year 2023 budget. In order for the Governor's Office to make a final determination on proposing this minimum salary increase, the FY23 state budget needed to be passed by the Tennessee General Assembly.

To ensure requirements of T.C.A. § 49-3-306 are met, it is in the best interest of the Board and the Department to have this item heard at the May meeting.

Thank you for your consideration of this item,

Dr. Penny Schwinn
Commissioner of Education