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CANDICE MCQUEEN
COMMISSIONER

Via Electronic Mail and USPS

November 21, 2018

Dr. Mike Looney, Director of Schools
Williamson County Schools
1320 W Main Street, Suite 202
Franklin, TN 37064

Re: Waiver for Average Class Size at College Grove Elementary

Dear Dr. Looney:

I am in receipt of your November 20, 2018 waiver request of the class size average found in T.C.A. §49-1-104 for College Grove Elementary for the 2018-2019 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 classes at College Grove Elementary 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 hereby granted for the 2018-2019 school year.

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

Sincerely,


Candice McQueen
Commissioner



Tennessee Department of Education – Office of The Commissioner

710 James Robertson Parkway - Andrew Johnson Tower, 9th 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. 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:

Williamson County Schools

School Information (if applicable):

School Name:

College Grove Elementary

Street:

6668 Arno College Grove Rd.

City: College Grove

Zip Code: 37046

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

TCA 49-1-104 (a)

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:

Currently, the school has a class average of 20:55. In order to avoid disruption to students, WCS is requesting a waiver. The school will continue to adhere to the class size maximum for all grades.

Expected duration of the condition necessitating this waiver request:

2018-2019 School Year

Director of Schools (Signature)



Print Name Mike Looney

Date 11/20/17