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Via Email and USPS

May 30, 2018

Manney Moore, Director of Schools
Cocke County Schools
305 Hedrick Drive
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Re: Waiver Request

Dear Mr. Moore:

I am in receipt of your May 30, 2018 letter requesting a waiver for Cocke 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 at Edgemont Elementary.

Pursuant to my authority under T.C.A. §49-1-201(d), your waiver request is hereby granted for the 2018-2019 school year.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Candice McQueen", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Candice McQueen
Commissioner

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Dear Commissioner McQueen:

On behalf of Cocke County Schools, I am requesting a waiver 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. The role of the library has changed in the past few years and with the additional challenges of RTI, our students would be better served with a person who can help teachers with Literacy Interventions and supplemental enrichment materials to be used in the library and in the regular classroom. I am requesting the flexibility to retain a teacher within our system in the best interest of our schools and students and not be limited by the requirement of a licensed/certified librarian. Please consider this an official request for a waiver from the State Board Rule stated. We believe this is the best for the students in Cocke County.

Mr. Moore

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Manney Moore".

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