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CANDICE MCQUEEN
COMMISSIONER

## Via Electronic Mail

July 25, 2018

Tamara S. Mason, Director of Schools Arlington Community Schools 12060 Arlington Trail Arlington, TN 38002 tammy.mason@acsk-12.org

Re: Waiver for Class Size Average for CTE Classes

Dear Tamara Mason:

I am in receipt of your June 10, 2018 letter requesting a waiver of the class size average for Career and Technical Education (CTE) classes found in T.C.A. §49-1-104 for Arlington Community Schools 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 CTE classes in the Arlington Community Schools system 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 2018-2019 school year.

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

Sincerely, \

Candice McQueen Commissioner



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OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

Candice McQueen, Commissioner Tennessee Department of Education Andrew Johnson Tower 710 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, Tennessee 37243

Dear Commissioner McQueen:

The Arlington Community Schools Board of Education would like to request a waiver of the class size average mandate for CTE courses at Arlington High School. Arlington High School will continue to adhere to the class size maximum for CTE.

Arlington High School has recently added new programs of study that have generated great interest from our students.

This waiver will allow more students to take advantage of these rigorous courses and to develop college and career readiness skills. In addition, more students will have the opportunity to graduate with industry certifications.

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

Sincerely,

Tamara S. Mason Superintendent