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LIZZETTE REYNOLDS
COMMISSIONER

Via Electronic Mail

October 10, 2023

Dr. David A. Stephens, Director of Schools
Bartlett City Schools
5757 State Road
Bartlett, TN 38134

Re: Waiver for Average Class Size in CTE Courses at Bartlett High School

Dear Director Stephens:

I am in receipt of your October 8, 2023 waiver request of the class size average found in Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-1-104 for CTE courses at Bartlett High School in Bartlett City Schools.

The commissioner's waiver authority under Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-1-201(d) is limited by Tenn. Code Ann. § 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 at Bartlett High School will exceed 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 remainder of the 2023-24 school year.

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

Sincerely,

Lizzette Reynolds
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 (LEA) for one 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.Education@tn.gov. Following review by the commissioner, the LEA 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:

Bartlett City Schools

School Information (if applicable):

School Name:

Bartlett High School

Street:

5688 Woodlawn St,

City: Bartlett

Zip Code: 38134

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

Chapter 0520-1-02-.31 (4) outlines class size average maximums for Career and Technical Educations courses and the ability for LEAs to seek a waiver as to the class size average for grades 9-12.

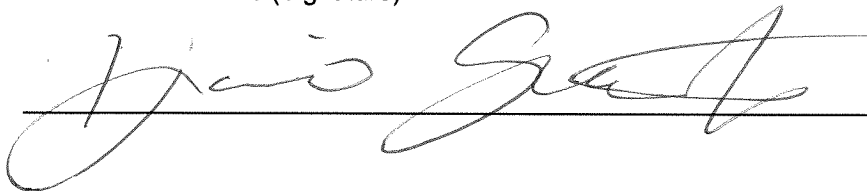
Explanation of how the statute(s) and/or state board rule(s) inhibits or hinders the local education agency's ability to meet its goals or comply with its mission:

Bartlett High School is proud to offer 20 CTE programs of study and would like to continue to offer a variety of opportunities for our students to be exposed to a multitude of experiences. While Bartlett Schools is seeking a waiver to the class average of 20, the district will ensure that no course exceeds the CTE maximum class size of 25.

Expected duration of the condition necessitating this waiver request:

The duration for this waiver request is for the 2023-2024 school year.

Director of Schools (Signature)



Print Name Dr. David Stephens _____

Date: 10-8-2023 _____



October 5, 2023

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

Dear Commissioner

Bartlett City Schools would like to request a waiver on the class size average mandates for CTE courses at Bartlett High School.

Bartlett High School will continue to adhere to the class size maximums for CTE courses.

With 20 programs of study, several factors justify us in presenting this request:

- Increased offerings of Work-Based Learning courses
- Increased enrollment in CTE courses with Dual Enrollment, Dual Credit, and Industry Credential offerings
- Increased retention of students within programs of study to reach completer status

This waiver will allow more students to take advantage of these opportunities and develop college and career readiness skills. Increased enrollment also provides more students with opportunities to earn post-secondary and industry credentials.

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

Sincerely

Dr. David A. Stephens
Superintendent