



**Standards for Accreditation
1-Year Waiver Request**

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Waiver Topic: Kindergarten Class Size Standard: 1-A.5

Rationale for Waiver:

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Superintendent's Signature Tyrene Gardner

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DATE: February 25, 2022

TO: Deborah Coffman, Matt Sutherlin

FROM: Tyrene Gardner, Superintendent, Michael Bramlett, Principal

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Thank you for your consideration of the requested waive for Kindergarten class sizer.

Respectfully,


Tyrene Gardner, Superintendent