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Deborah Coffman
ADE Assistant Commissioner of
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Dear Ms Coffman,,

On behalf of Alpena Schools and as superintendent of schools, I would like to submit a request for a waiver for standard 4-E2 for the 2022-2023 school year.

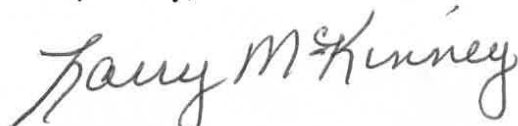
The rationale for this request is basically two fold;

First, our student population over the past few years has been on the decline. This year we are up in enrollment and are out of compliance by approximately 8 students. I would hate to hire a counselor and then have our enrollment decline again before the year is over and be over-staffed.

Secondly, it would be very difficult to find a certified counselor at this late date. We have had very few applicants for both certified and classified openings this year and I feel trying to fill a specialty area such as counseling would be even more difficult.

Any consideration you could give in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully;



Larry McKinney
Superintendent
Alpena School District