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Dear ADE Staff & ADE State Board Members:

I am respectfully submitting a request and support letter for a waiver request per ACT 1240 on behalf of Jasper School District, Jasper Elementary School. The waiver request topic is A.C.A. 6.17.812 pertaining to Class Size & Teaching Load. The rationale for this waiver requested is outlined on the districts Waiver Request Form and has been endorsed by our district's Board of Directors as noted by the attached Board Resolution. I believe this waiver will provide educational benefits for our students.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

Dr. Candra Brasel

Jasper School District, Superintendent

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Resolution

In Support of Waiver Request Affecting the Class Size & Teaching Load – in Ark. Code Ann. § 6-11-105, § 6-17-812, and § 25-15-201 et seq.

WHERAS A.C.A 3.01.4 For Grades Five through Six (5-6), except for those courses that lend themselves to large group instruction, the average student/teacher ratio in a school district shall be no more than twenty-five (25) students per teacher in a classroom. There shall be no more than twenty-eight (28) students per teacher in any classroom.

WHEREAS a teacher shall not exceed the maximum class size permitted under the Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts.

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Jasper School District Board of Education endorses the Superintendent's waiver request increasing the class teaching size in the Jasper Elementary 5th grade classroom.

Adopted this 16th day of August 2021.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education