

## EXALT WAIVER COMMENTS RESPONSES (12-2-21)

- 1.) "Teacher Licensure": Applicant wishes to add waiver requests for Ark. Code Ann. §§ 6-17-309, 6-17-401, 6-17-418, 6-17-902 and 6-17-919, and Section 7. of the DESE Rules Governing Teacher Licensure. Applicant also wishes to move its waiver request for Ark. Code Ann. §6-17-301 to #10.) "Personnel Policies" and to limit its waiver request for Ark. Code Ann. §6-17-301 to sections (a)-(b) only. We are not asking for any waivers related to teacher pay, other than the licensed personnel salary schedule statutes.
- 2.) "ALE": Applicant wishes to rescind its waiver requests for Ark. Code Ann. §§6-48-101 and 6-48-104.
- 3.) "Library Media": Applicant seeks to continue this waiver to allow us to utilize our library media staff for other purposes as well as library media work. We provide, and will continue to provide, our students with access to print and digital materials through classroom libraries and digital resources. We will continue to embed the library media standards into other courses to ensure that they are taught.
- 4.) "School Counseling": The Applicant wishes to request a waiver of Ark. Code Ann. §6-18-2003 (a)(2)(A), to allow us the ability to hire personnel that we believe provide the best fit for our model and our students. We will continue to provide a comprehensive school counseling program, in compliance with Arkansas law. In light of the above comments, we wish to rescind our waivers of Standards 2-C.1 and 4-E.2 while retaining the waiver of Standard 4-E.1.
- 5.) "Salaries": Applicant wishes to request waivers of Ark. Code Ann. §§6-11-129, 6-17-807, 6-17-812, 6-17-908 and 6-21-303(b), based upon legal comments received. We have moved our request for a waiver of Ark. Code Ann. §6-17-902 from this section to the "Teacher Licensure" section.
- 6.) "Personnel Policies": Applicant wishes to move its waiver request for Ark. Code Ann. §6-17-301 to this section (limited as stated above), and amend its website posting requirements waiver to Sections 4.02.3, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of the DESE Rules Governing Documents Posted to School District and Education Service Cooperative Websites. We wish to amend our requests for waivers of Ark. Code Ann. §§6-17-201 et seq. and 6-17-2301 et seq. to 6-17-201 (c), 203, 204, 205, 208, and 209-211 and 6-17-2301(b)- (c) and 2302-2305, respectively. We will continue to closely monitor our use of the 6-17-114 and 6-17-117 waivers to ensure teacher health and well-being, and avoidance of teacher stress and burnout.
- 7.) "Board of Directors": We do not need a waiver of Section 9 of the DESE Website Posting Rules.
- 8.) "Guidance Program": We wish to rescind our waiver request for Standard 2-C.2.
- 9.) "Principal and Superintendent Licensure": Applicant does wish to request waivers for Ark. Code Ann. §6-17-427 and the DESE Rules Governing the Superintendent Monitoring Program. We do

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not need a waiver of Standard 4-B.1, but wish to add a waiver request for Ark. Code Ann. §6-17-302. We do not need a waiver of Standard 4-C.1.

- 10.) "School Calendar": Applicant wishes to continue its waiver of just the school start date, and not the adoption of a school calendar.