



DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY EDUCATION

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Standards for Accreditation 1-Year Waiver Request

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Waiver Topic: KINDERGARTEN CLASS SIZE Standard: 1-A.6

Rationale for Waiver:

Shirley began the year with 19 students in kindergarten, 7 of which receive their literacy and math outside of the regular classroom in a small group setting. There are two full time paraprofessionals that work in the kindergarten class, one that is assigned to assist the special needs students and one that is Kindergarten para to assist with small group instruction and work directly under the licensed teacher.

On Friday, Sept. 4 our enrollment had grown to 23. At this time, the district is in early interventions for fiscal distress because of declining enrollment. We have 100 students attending Virtually across the district K-12. We have had to pull teachers to cover those students.

We do not feel that hiring another teacher at this time would be beneficial to students in our district. If we do hire a teacher at this time, we would have to RIF at the end of the year. We are working hard to meet the new minimum Salary Requirement and the minimum wage increase.

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Superintendent's Signature 