



# MAGNET COVE SCHOOL DISTRICT

*"Panther Pride Runs Deep"*

472 Magnet School Road – Malvern, Arkansas 72104



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Director of Standards and Systems Support  
Arkansas Department of Education  
Division of Elementary and Secondary Education  
Public School Accountability  
Four Capitol Mall, Box 26  
Little Rock, AR 72201

To Whom It May Concern:

We are asking to obtain a Standards for Accreditation Waiver for the 2023-2024 school year. The District is seeking a waiver of Standard for Accreditation 1-A.5 Class Size, which requires that "Each public school district shall comply with the laws of the State of Arkansas and the rules of the Division regarding class size and teaching load." Magnet Cove School District is seeking a waiver under Ark. Code Ann. 6-15-202(b)(2)(A).

We were in compliance of the standard for teacher-student ratio in first grade on September 1, 2023. However, on October 10, 2023, another first grade student enrolled, and we are now over by one (1) student in regards to the teacher-student ratio standard for first grade.

We believe we are being responsible and wise stewards of our public funds as we efficiently staff our elementary school in the most cost-effective way possible while ensuring that these young students remain in their current environment that they are accustomed to and comfortable in. We do not believe it to be in the students' best interest to uproot any of them from their current classroom or by changing their teacher during this school year. Thus, we are asking for the waiver.

If you need any further information or clarification, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Danny Thomas, Superintendent  
Magnet Cove School District