



Richard Woods, Georgia's School Superintendent
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Georgia Department of Education
Item for State Board of Education Approval
– Other –

Item Name

PFEA – Title 20 Waiver – Local Board Governance – Long County School District

Recommendation – Action Item

It is recommended that the State Board of Education (SBOE) consider the Long County School District's request to waive SBOE Rule 160-5-1-.36 Local School Board Governance Section (5)(a) (1) Nepotism and O.C.G.A. § 20-2-51 (c)(4)(A), in accordance with the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 20-2-51 (c)(4)(B), and that the State Board of Education take action to approve or deny the waiver request.

Supports the Following Education Goal or Goals in the Agency Strategic Plan

Ongoing Operations

Rationale

To allow a local board of education member to retain eligibility for service on the board.

Summary

O.C.G. A. § 20-2-51 (c)(4)(A) provides that no person who has an immediate family member serving in a system administrative staff position may serve on the local board of education (LBOE). The law also stipulates that if the LEA's initial fall enrollment count conducted in 2009 pursuant to state code does not exceed a full-time equivalent count of 2,800, the SBOE shall be authorized to waive its rule and law upon request of a LBOE or an individual attempting to qualify to run for LBOE member. The Long County School System had an FTE of less than 2,800 at the October 2009 enrollment count and is requesting a waiver for a current LBOE member seeking reelection to the Long County Board of Education. The board member's wife is employed by the Long County Board of Education as the Director of Curriculum and Instruction.

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