

**SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE**  
**December 2018**

**Waivers of State Board of Education Policies and Regulations, Superintendent's Interpretations and State Statutes and Legislative Rules (Action)**

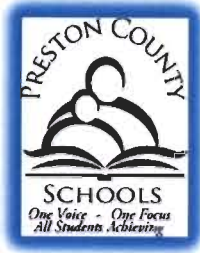
**Purpose**

This item recommends action on one waiver request to waive the required training for two experienced Cabell County Schools Advanced Placement® (AP) teachers at Cabell Midland High School who are teaching a course new to them. The new course for the two new teachers occurred when the regularly scheduled teacher was hired into another county position. The waiver request has been thoroughly reviewed by WVDE staff to ensure WVBE waiver criteria have been met. The teachers, new to the AP US Government course, have each agreed to teach one section of AP Government along with their other AP courses and are meeting three times a week with AP Government teachers to ensure the new teachers are following with fidelity the former teacher's approved course syllabus as neither of the new teachers has a syllabus approved through the AP Course Audit process. These Professional Learning Community (PLC) meetings are assisting the teachers in bringing about student success in the AP Government course. The two new teachers have agreed to receive the required training for next school year should their services be required to teach this course next year.

Recommended for approval is the one request for waiver of State Board policy.

**(a) I respectfully recommend the following request for waiver of State Board policy be approved.**

Cabell County Schools (Waiver #1404) requests a waiver of Policy 2510, Assuring the Quality of Education, Regulations for Education Programs, Section 7.5.c.8.A related to required training for teachers of Advanced Placement® (AP) Courses.



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November 15, 2018

David Perry  
President, West Virginia Board of Education  
and  
Dr. Steven L. Paine  
State Superintendent of Schools  
West Virginia Department of Education  
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Dear President Perry and Dr. Paine:

In accordance with the procedures and requirements set forth in *W. Va. Code* §§18-5-13 and 18-5-13a, as well as West Virginia Board of Education (WVBE) Policy 6200: Planning of School Facilities and WVBE Policy 6204: School Closings or Consolidations, the Preston County Board of Education undertook the process for:

The closure of Fellowsville Elementary School, consolidating all students (K-5) into South Preston School (PK-8) at the close of the 2018-2019 school year; and the closure of Rowlesburg School (K-8) and consolidating all students, based upon geographic proximity, into Kingwood Elementary (PK-4), Terra Alta (PK-8), South Preston (PK-8) and Central Preston Middle (5-8) Schools at the close of the 2018-2019 school year. The approximate demarcations for attendance zones following the closures would be as follows:

- From the bottom of Cheat Mountain to the top of Laurel Mountain including the intersection of Route 72 to Route 50 towards Tucker County Line, including Dog Run and Green Valley all go to South Preston School.
- Route 72 interchange to Route 50 to the town of Rowlesburg and from Rowlesburg to Route 7 all goes

to Kingwood Elementary or Central Preston Middle school depending on the grade level.

- Manheim and Salt Lick Road will all go to Terra Alta/East Preston School.

However, after community meetings, LSIC meetings, and the 6 public hearings on the school closures, the Preston County Board of Education, by a 4-1 vote on November 13, 2018, took action to try one more time to pass an excess levy to keep the schools open. To effectuate the plan, the Preston County Board of Education is requesting a waiver of the December 31 deadline, in WVBE Policy 6204, for the county to vote to close the schools.

If the waiver is granted by the State Board at its next meeting, the Preston County Board of Education would draft and run an excess levy within the next 90 days with the anticipation that, if the levy passes, there would be no vote to close the schools. However, it is also anticipated that, if the levy fails, the Preston County Board of Education would take up the recommendation to close the two schools.

With this plan in mind, at the direction of the Preston County Board of Education, we are requesting that the State Board place this request on its next agenda and approve a waiver of the December 31 deadline, found in WVBE Policy 6204, for the vote on the closure of schools in Preston County, for the purpose of allowing the Preston County Board of Education to attempt to pass an excess levy before taking action on the proposed closures. We would request that the extension of that deadline be granted, extending the deadline until February 22, 2019 to complete the levy process and vote of the proposed closures.

Should you need additional information or have any questions, please contact me by telephone at (304) 329-0580, ext. 222.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent

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