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Dr. Anthony D. Jackson, Superintendent
Vance County Schools
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Via email: ajackson@vcs.k12.nc.us

Dear Dr. Jackson:

We acknowledge receipt of the 2020-2021 Individual Class Size Waiver Request(s) received from Vance County Schools for Clarke Elementary.

G.S. 115C-301(g) prohibits the State Board of Education from granting waivers for Kindergarten through third-grade individual class size overages except under the following circumstances:

- a) Emergencies, or acts of God that impact the availability of classroom space or facilities;
- b) An unanticipated increase in student population of an individual school in excess of two percent (2%) of the average daily membership of that school;
- c) Organizational problems in geographically isolated local school administrative units in which the average daily membership is less than one and one-half per square mile;
- d) Classes organized for a solitary curricular area; or
- e) A charter school closure.

Vance County Schools requested waivers for the following school based on organizational problems in geographically isolated local school administrative units in which the average daily membership is less than one and one-half per square mile as stated above. Pursuant to the SBE and School Attendance and Student Accounting Manual, the request for class size waivers is **denied** due to average daily membership is 30 per square mile, more than one and one-half per square mile and due to the excessive number of students in excess of the maximum.

Clarke Elementary has 3 third grade classes with 27 students (over by 6) and 6 third grade classes with 25 students (over by 4).

Should you have any questions, please contact the Division of School Business, Student Accounting at studentaccounting@dpi.nc.gov.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:

Handwritten signature of Catherine Truitt in black ink.

Catherine Truitt

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