



# PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF NORTH CAROLINA

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Dr. Meghan S Doyle, Superintendent  
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Via email: [meghan.doyle@cravenk12.org](mailto:meghan.doyle@cravenk12.org)

Dear Dr. Doyle:

We acknowledge receipt of the 2020-2021 Individual Class Size Waiver Request(s) received from Craven County Schools for James W. Smith 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.

Craven County Schools requested waivers for the following school based on emergencies or acts of God that impact the availability of classroom space or facilities as stated above. Pursuant to the SBE and School Attendance and Student Accounting Manual, the request for class size waivers is **denied** due to the excessive number of students in excess of the maximum.

James W. Smith Elementary has 1 third grade class with 33 students (over by 12).

Should you have any questions, please contact the Division of School Business, Student Accounting at [studentaccounting@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:studentaccounting@dpi.nc.gov).

Sincerely,

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Catherine Truitt

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