



# PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF NORTH CAROLINA

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION | Catherine Truitt, *Superintendent of Public Instruction*

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Dr. Ben Thigpen, Superintendent  
Jones County Schools  
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Via email: [ben.thigpen@jonesnc.net](mailto:ben.thigpen@jonesnc.net)

Dear Dr. Thigpen:

We acknowledge receipt of the 2021-2022 Individual Class Size Waiver Request(s) received from Jones County Schools for Comfort 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.

Jones County Schools requested waivers for the following school based on an unanticipated increase in student population of an individual school in excess of two percent (2%) of the average daily membership of that school as stated above. The request for class size waivers meets the criteria as set out by law and are **approved**. These waivers apply only to the 2021-22 school year.

Comfort Elementary has 4 first grade classes with 21 students (over by 2).

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,  
DocuSigned by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C. Truitt", enclosed in a blue DocuSign signature box.

Catherine Truitt

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