

## PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF NORTH CAROLINA

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION** | Catherine Truitt, Superintendent of Public Instruction WWW.DPI.NC.GOV

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Dr. Wendy Miller, Superintendent Craven County Schools 3600 Trent Road New Bern, NC 28562-2224 Via email: wendy.miller@cravenk12.org

Dear Dr. Wendy Miller:

We acknowledge receipt of the 2022-2023 Individual Class Size Waiver Request(s) received from Craven County Schools for albert James 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 having more than 2 students above the maximum and the reasons included in the waiver are not applicable to an emergency or act of God.

James Smith Elementary has 2 individual first grade classes with 22 students (over by 3), 1 individual first grade class with 21 students (over by 2), 1 individual third grade class with 23 students (over by 3) and 1 individual third grade class with 21 students (over by 1).

Should you have any questions, please contact the Office of School Business Services, Student Accounting at <a href="mailto:studentaccounting@dpi.nc.gov">studentaccounting@dpi.nc.gov</a>.

Sincerely,

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