

# PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF NORTH CAROLINA

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

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Dr. Dana Ayers, Superintendent  
Jackson County Public Schools  
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Via email: [dayers@jcpsmail.org](mailto:dayers@jcpsmail.org)

Dear Dr. Dana Ayers:

We acknowledge receipt of the 2022-2023 Individual Class Size Waiver Request(s) received from Jackson County Public Schools for Blue Ridge School 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:

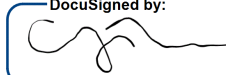
- a) Emergencies, or acts of God that impact the availability of classroom space or facilities;
- b) An unanticipated increase in student population of an individual school in excess of two percent (2%) of the average daily membership of that school;
- c) Organizational problems in geographically isolated 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.

Jackson County Public 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 the Grade 1 LEA-wide average of 16.75 exceeding the maximum average of 16 and the Grade 3 LEA-wide average of 19.08 exceeding the maximum average of 17.

Blue Ridge School has 1 individual first grade class with 21 students (over by 2).

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

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:  
  
Catherine Truitt

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