December 18, 2019

Mr. Chad S. Beasley, Superintendent
Alleghany County Schools
85 Peachtree Street
Sparta, NC 28675-9210

Dear Mr. Beasley:

We acknowledge receipt of the 2019-20 Individual Class Size Waiver Requests received from Northwest for Glade Creek 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.

Northwest requested waivers for the following schools 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. 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.

   Glade Creek Elementary has 4 first-grade classes with 29 students (over by 7).

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

Sincerely,

Mark Johnson

MJ/AS/AC/dkm

c: Anne Murtha