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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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Johnson".

Mark Johnson

MJ/AS/AC/dkm

c: Anne Murtha

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