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Subject: [CAPS] More allowed FTE on SUB and ESUB licenses again

Greetings,

During the 6/8/21 board meeting, the state board again removed the restrictions on the number of days substitutes could work for this year due to the difficulty in finding sufficient teachers for classroom needs again this year.

To both recognize this allowance, and still recognize that these substitutes do not meet the statutory requirement of "qualified to provide" the educational IEP services, **Bert has again given permission for all substitutes* to be allowed up to .67 FTE reimbursement in one position for the regular school year.**

**The board action did not remove the requirement for substitutes to be licensed. A substitute must hold a license from KSDE that allows them to be a substitute. So someone with no current license is not allowed, someone with a limited license is not allowed, etc.*

This means you should NOT file waivers for the extension of days on an ESUB license this year.

On a very related note, if you are planning to hire someone for the fall semester, and they are not currently licensed in Kansas as a teacher, please require them to apply for at least a Substitute or Esub license prior to being placed in the classroom. If they do not apply for licensure (including a limited apprentice license) until October, October is the earliest date they are reimbursable. KSDE licenses date from the date of application (including payment), not from when the person was qualified for that license.



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REQUEST AND RECOMMENDATION FOR BOARD ACTION

Agenda Number: 16

Staff Initiating:

Susan Helbert

Director:

Mischel Miller

Commissioner:

Randy Watson

Meeting Date: 6/8/2021**Item Title:**

Act to continue previously approved extension of substitute teacher eligibility

Recommended Motion:

It is moved that the Kansas State Board of Education, pursuant to K.A.R. 91-31-34(b)(5)(B), continues its previously declared time of emergency whereby any person holding a five-year substitute teaching license OR an emergency substitute teaching license with a baccalaureate degree may teach through June 30, 2022.

Explanation of Situation Requiring Action:

Due to the continued effect of the COVID-19 pandemic and the unprecedented reduction in supply of willing, available licensed teachers, Kansas school systems have asked to be provided more flexibility than standard law allows, regarding the use of substitute teachers. Current law allows for the State Board of Education to declare a time of emergency. The Kansas State Department of Education asks the State Board to continue the declaration to increase the available number of days a substitute teacher may teach in any one position.

Passed as written 6/8/21