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The **Sample County School District** has encountered substantial hardships as a result of the decline in state revenue and the cuts to state QBE funds and state grants. Therefore, the Sample County Board of Education is requesting approval from the State Board of Education (SBOE) to waive the following SBOE rules:

160-5-1-.29 Personnel Required so as to allow the district to employ a half-time curriculum rather than the full time position required.

160-5-1-.29 Minimum Direct Classroom Expenditures so as to allow the district to spend less than 65% of its funds on direct classroom expenditures due to a hardship.

160-4-8-.05 Guidance Counselors so as to allow the district to utilize the elementary counselors in direct classroom instruction rather than the rule requirements.

160-5-1-.08 Class Size so as to allow the district to increase the maximum class size by 1-3 students in grades 9-12 gifted courses; grades 1-5 EIP classes.

160-4-2-.14 Instructional Extension so as to allow the district to utilize 75% of the instructional extension funds for math remediation in grades 6-8 during the regular school day rather than the required 65%.

160-4-5-.02 English Language Learners so as to allow the maximum class size to increase 2-3 students in grades 1-12.

The Sample County School District does hereby respectfully petition for said waivers by the State Board of Education for a period of two years beginning with the 2009-2010 school year.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Samuel Sample

Superintendent

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