



**Department
of Education**

John R. Kasich, Governor
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February 4, 2016

Becky Malinas, Director of Pupil Services
9252 Chillicothe
Kirtland, Ohio 44094

Building: Kirtland Elementary and Middle School
Service Provider: Marie Reeves, Intervention Specialist

Re: 2016-2017 WAIVER REQUEST APPROVAL

Dear Ms. Malinas:

This letter serves as approval for a waiver for the 2016-2017 school year, granted to Kirtland Local Schools based on the information you provided in the Waiver Application dated November 4, 2016. This approval is being granted under Section 3301-51-09(l)(2)(a)(ii) of the Ohio Administrative Code as stated in the *Ohio Operating Standards for the Education of Children with Disabilities* for the time period November 4, 2016 to June 2, 2017. This waiver is specific to services provided by Marie Reeves, Intervention Specialist. As a reminder, this waiver is only approved for the period of time stated above and cannot be renewed for the following school year.

A review of the information that was provided showed that the waiver was requested because age range exceeds the 60-month range from the youngest to the oldest student. The information provided by the LEA demonstrated the LEA has appropriately addressed requirements related to the provision of special education services to the students who are affected by the waiver. A review of the documentation showed that the LEA has the appropriate resources and materials to serve the students with disabilities in the classroom.

The LEA informed this office that it will be in compliance at the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year. According to the information that was provided by the LEA, the district will develop in each building with a multiple category classroom an instructional schedule with the goal of providing the most appropriate classroom setting that meets each student's individual needs while focusing on maintaining a 60-month limit in age differences, which is consistent with the *Ohio Operating Standards for the Education of Children with Disabilities*. The parent notification was provided to the parents as required on November 2, 2016. No parents of the student who are affected by the waiver have voiced any concerns about the waiver application to Office for Exceptional Children (OEC).

Prior to the June 7, 2017 end of the waiver, please provide a report that documents that the LEA has ensured the implementation of the IEPs of the students in the classroom that was subject to the waiver. The LEA must also provide the OEC with documentation that supports that the LEA will be in compliance by the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year. Please call Cathy Csanyi at 614-558-2776 or email oeawaiver@education.ohio.gov if you have any questions concerning the approval of this waiver application.

Sincerely,

Sue Zake, Ph.D.,
Director
Office for Exceptional Children