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DISTRICT ALERT: NEW LEGISLATION

Public Act 18-51: An Act Implementing the Recommendations of the Department of Education

Waiver for a Grade 1–6 Elementary Teacher (Endorsement #305) to teach Kindergarten

The Elementary Education Endorsement (#305) authorizes service in grades 1–6. However, a district wishing to employ an educator who holds the #305 may now submit a written request to the Commissioner requesting permission to allow the educator to teach at the kindergarten level for one school year. Effective July 1, 2018, the “Commissioner of Education may permit, upon the request of a superintendent, any person who holds such endorsement… to teach kindergarten for one school year.”

The district may request permission to employ the educator in kindergarten for a second year only if the educator is enrolled in an approved Connecticut early childhood educator preparation program for endorsement #112 or #113.