Dear Superintendent Twadell:

The Illinois General Assembly has completed its review of the waiver petition submitted by your district. The General Assembly has granted your request to waive Section 27-23 of the School Code (105 ILCS 5/27-23). This approval begins in the 2009-2010 school year and continues through the 2013-2014 school year. Please let us know if you need a copy of the approved request for your files and one will be sent to you.

If you have any questions regarding the General Assembly's action on this petition, please contact Darren Reisberg, General Counsel, at (217) 782-8535.

Sincerely,

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APPLICATION FOR WAIVER OR MODIFICATION
OF STATE BOARD RULES AND/OR SCHOOL CODE MANDATES

This application is to be used for seeking a waiver or modification of State Board of Education rules or of School Code mandates in accordance with Section 2-3.25g of the School Code (105 ILCS 5/2-3.25g). The completed application must be submitted by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the above address. Please use the instructions on reverse side when completing this application. Please note that action on incomplete applications will be delayed until all required documentation is received.

1. The application is for: (Check appropriate box(es) below)
   - [☐] Waiver of School Code
   - [☐] Modification of School Code
   - [☐] Waiver of ISBE Rule
   - [☐] Modification of ISBE Rule

2. APPLICANT'S NAME AND NUMBER
   Aida E. Stevenson High School District #125
   CONTACT PERSON
   Mark S. Michelin

   APPLICATION'S ADDRESS
   2 Stevenson Drive
   Lincolnshire, IL 60069
   CONTACT PERSON'S TELEPHONE NUMBER/EXTENSION
   847-415-4119
   CONTACT FAX NUMBER
   847-634-0239

   SUPERINTENDENT/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
   Dr. Eric Twadell
   E-MAIL ADDRESS OF CONTACT PERSON
   mmichelin@125.org

   COUNTY
   Lake
   Can we contact your e-mail address?
   [☐] Yes  [☐] No

3. Provide citation or language of the rule(s) or School Code mandate(s) which are the subject of this application. If you are requesting a modification, display it here, using strike through or underlining.

   See attached. 5/27-23

4. Attach a narrative identifying and justifying the specific request.
   a. For proposed waivers and modifications of rules or modifications of School Code mandates that are based upon meeting the intent of the rule or mandate in a more effective, efficient or economical manner, a narrative description must provide all of the required information (see Item 4(a) on the reverse side).

   See attached.

   b. All proposed waivers/modifications requested to stimulate innovation or improve student performance, including all proposed waivers of School Code mandates, shall provide the specific plan for improved student performance and school improvement upon which the request is being based and how the applicant will determine success (see Item 4(b) on the reverse side).

   See attached.

   c. Applications requesting waivers from Section 17-1.5 of the School Code must include the amount, nature, and reason for the requested relief and all remedies that have been exhausted by the district to comply with the administrative expenditure limitation.

   See attached.

5. Public Testimony: Attach a description of the testimony provided, to include the information enumerated in Item 5 on the reverse side.

6. This application is for: [☐] Initial Waiver/Modification  [☐] Renewal of Previously Approved Waiver/Modification
   This application requests waiver/modification for 6 years (from 2009-10 school year through 2015-16 school year). (See Item 6 on reverse side for limits on the duration of waivers/modifications.)

7. Attach a copy of each public notice required. Any request not meeting the requirements will be returned as ineligible for consideration.

8. Compliance with Notice and Hearing Requirements
   I certify that a hearing concerning this application and any associated plan for improved student performance was held on October 20, 2008, and, for those applicants requesting waivers or modifications of the daily physical education requirement, that the regular board meeting(s) were held on of that month.

   I further certify that the applicant has met all the notification and hearing requirements enumerated in Items A and B on reverse side and that the board of education/board of directors of the applicant identified above approved this application on October 20, 2008 (date)

   October 20, 2008
   Date
   Signature of Applicant (i.e., District Superintendent/Executive Director/Regional Superintendent)

   ISBE 75377 (1/07)
Application for Waiver or Modification of State Board Rules and/or School Code Mandates
Adlai E Stevenson High School District #125

4 a. Narrative Identifying and Justifying the Specific Request:

Adlai E. Stevenson High School is seeking a modification of the Illinois School Code ILCS 5/27-23 whereby the fee for Driver Education is changed from "not to exceed $50" to "not to exceed $300." This request is based on fulfilling the intent of the driver education mandate in a more cost efficient manner.

The intent of the Code is to provide a quality program of instruction for students related to the operation of motor vehicles. The Code requires that "the course of instructions given in grades 10-12 shall include an emphasis on the development of knowledge, attitudes, habits and skills necessary for the safe operation of motor vehicles..." District 125's one semester course in Driver Education is an integrated two-phase program, which fully complies with the intent of the Code. Students receive a "minimum of thirty clock hours of classroom instruction taught by a certified high school teacher," and a "minimum of six clock hours of individual behind the wheel (BTW) instruction".

The District will meet the intent of the Code by continuing the above-described quality Driver Education program, but it will do so in a more cost efficient manner by increasing the registration fee to not exceed $300. The fee for a student who is unable to pay for the course shall be waived.

The $50 fee limitation does not recognize the extraordinarily high costs associated with District 125's two-phase program. The net cost per student for the program is $303.49. This net cost factors in both the current registration fee and the State of Illinois reimbursement to the District.

The high cost of the Driver Education program is primarily due to the behind the wheel phase of the course. The student/teacher ratio for this component is 1:3. Because the Driver Education teachers are certified and are members of the District's bargaining unit, their salaries are set by the teachers' contract. At the same time, the student driving experience requires no more than three students in a car at any time if the students are to receive the mandated minutes of instruction. In contrast to these low student/teacher ratios for Driver Education, the District teaching ratio for other courses in the high school curriculum is 1:14. It is this higher ratio that greatly increases the cost of the Driver Education course.

District 125 believes its current Driver Education program offers a quality learning experience for students. In an effort to make the Driver Education program more cost efficient in comparison to other classes, the District requests permission to set the District's net cost per student for Driver Education to a level more comparable to the cost of other course offerings. This cost efficient approach would also insure that the current two-phase program would be sustained. Provisions will be made for students who are unable to pay the fee. In addition, other families with economic hardships may use delayed payment plans.
b. Student Performance and Success:

Improved school and student performance would result from the District's ability to provide this class at a still discounted price in comparison to private courses. It further would result in better maintenance of its cars and the ability to cover increased gas and insurance costs. Finally, the reduced cost to the District to maintain the program would allow re-allocation of the funds to the hiring and retention of quality instructors to teach the course. The measurement of the success of the program will be the data collected regarding the number of student who take and pass the course.

c. Amount, Nature, and Reason for the Request Relief:

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