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## MEMO ON TEMPORARY WAIVER FROM 24-CREDIT GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Prepared for the August 2018 Board Meeting

### Policy Considerations

Does the application for temporary waiver from 24-credit graduation requirements provide the information and documentation required by law?

### Overview of Waivers

- Temporary Waiver from 24-Credit Graduation Requirements
  1. Kent School District requests a temporary waiver for the Class of 2019 and 2020, thereby requiring implementation for the Class of 2021.

### Temporary Waiver from 24-Credit Graduation Requirements

Does the application by Kent School District for temporary waiver of graduation requirements provide the information and documentation required by WAC 180-51-068(11)?

RCW 28A.230.090(1)(d)(ii) authorizes school districts to apply to the State Board of Education for a temporary waiver from the career and college ready graduation requirements directed by Chapter 217, Laws of 2014 (E2SSB 6552) beginning with the graduating class of 2020 or 2021 instead of the graduating class of 2019.

Kent School District requests a temporary waiver from 24-credit graduation requirements for the Class of 2019 and 2020. This would result in implementation of the 24-credit graduation requirements for the Class of 2021. Kent School District notes that it is on a six-period day, currently requires 23.5 credits for graduation but not in the same subject areas as the 24-credit requirements, and has a need for additional opportunities for students to earn credit. The largest impediment to implementation is the district's uncertain financial situation. The district will review data on course enrollment, grades, and credit recovery to identify patterns in course failure. The district will then identify bell schedule options to implement the 24-credit requirements. The district also plans to develop credit recovery, summer school, and dual credit options. The district's Executive Cabinet will discuss bell schedule options including financial considerations such as a staffing, transportation, professional development, and contractual obligations. The district submitted all of the required documentation for this waiver request.

### Action

The Board will consider whether to approve the request for an extension of the temporary waiver of 24-credit graduation requirements presented in the application by Kent School District.

If you have questions regarding this memo, please contact [Parker Teed](#).