

Discretionary Variance Request to Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board

Your name: _____

Preparation Provider Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Submit this form if the answers to 2 and/or 3 are “yes” and if there have been unsuccessful efforts for field experiences in alignment with rule.

1. We would like to request a discretionary variance of the following rule:

Minn. R. 8705.0200 “field experience means a school-based opportunity in which candidates observe teachers and students, assist, tutor, instruct, or conduct research.

2. Are you requesting that experiences in non-school settings (e.g. library, science center) count as field experiences for the fall of 2021 when the following are true: candidates are with groups of students, an individual with experience and a teaching license aligned to the scope has oversight and regular interaction with the candidate, and this type of placement is limited to 50 of the 100 hours required for licensure?

Yes

No

3. Are you requesting that up to 15 hours each of the following experiences may be used as an alternative to field experiences: case study review, microteaching with methods peers (with instructor feedback and reflection) where time being taught by peers does not count, watching videos of full classroom lessons with reflections or follow-up discussion, and conducting research that analyzes classroom learning? Note that this would expire December 31, 2021 and may make up for no more than 50 of the 100 hours required for licensure.

Yes

No

4. Describe the efforts that you have made to set up field experiences in alignment with rule.

I hereby attest that the information contained in this variance request is true and accurate.

Name (typed or signed) Individual Submitting/Preparation Provider Date

FOR BOARD STAFF USE ONLY: SUBMISSION DATE: _____