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March 17, 2015

Via Electronic Mail

Mark Willoughby, Director of Schools
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Dear Mr. Willoughby:

Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-3004(a) (6), in the event of a natural disaster or serious outbreaks of illness affecting or endangering students or staff, the commissioner of education may waive the requirement for school district calendars to include one hundred eighty (180) days of classroom instruction for the current school year.

On February 21, Governor Haslam declared a Level 2 State of Emergency – Major Disaster – due to the extreme weather conditions throughout the state. This State of Emergency extended through March 2, representing six school days. Because of the unique and rare circumstances of our recent weather and the impact on school districts throughout the state, and because of the Level 2 State of Emergency declaration, the department is accepting requests to waive a maximum number of three instructional days during the period of February 21-March 2, 2015.

You have submitted a request to waive instructional days for DeKalb County Schools. Pursuant to my above referenced authority, I hereby grant a waiver to DeKalb County Schools of three instructional days during the period of February 21-March 2, 2015. Please revise the calendar in EIS to indicate the three days that are waived. Thank you for continuing to notify the Department of revisions to your school calendar.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Candice McQueen".

Dr. Candice McQueen



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March 16, 2015

State Department of Education
Commissioner Candice McQueen
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RE: Waiver of instructional days

Dear Commissioner McQueen:

Pursuant to Public Chapter 272 of the Public Acts and TCA 49-6-3004 (a)(6), the DeKalb County School System is requesting a waiver of 3 instructional days. In response to Governor Haslam's declaration of a Level II/III States of Emergency, we request this waiver due to our schools being closed for ice, snow, and a water main that froze and burst at DeKalb County High School.

Our system has 13 snow days built into our calendar 3 of which were used as Stockpile/Professional development days where RTI meetings occurred around individual student learning. As of today we have been closed 14 days due to ice and snow. We plan to have a make-up day on May 27, 2015 adding to our original school calendar.

If further information is needed, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Mark Willoughby
Director
DeKalb County

Paul Rainwater

From: Jamie Vickers <vickersj@k12tn.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2015 8:49 AM
To: Paul Rainwater
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Please find attached the request for a waiver of 3 days.

Jamie Vickers
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DeKalb County Board of Education
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