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March 3, 2015

***Via Electronic Mail***

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Dear Dr. Gardenhour:

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 Elizabethton City Schools. Pursuant to my above referenced authority, I hereby grant a waiver to Elizabethton City 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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To: Elizabethton City Schools' Board of Education

From: Corey Gardenhour, Ed.D. 

Date: March 3, 2015

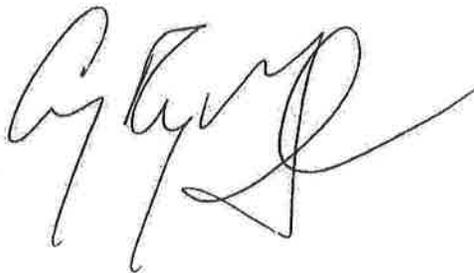
Re: Proposed Calendar Changes

The purpose of this correspondence is to request approval of alterations to our 2014-2015 school calendar. Due to extremely unusual and hazardous weather, all Elizabethton City Schools were closed for a total of eight (8) instructional days (2/17, 2/18, 2/19, 2/20, 2/24, 2/25, 2/26, 2/27). Governor Haslam declared a Level 2 State of Emergency - Major Disaster - on February 21, 2015. This State of Emergency extended through February 27, 2015. Four (4) of the instructional days listed above, occurred during this State of Emergency time period.

This school year, our instructional day was extended 30 minutes to create thirteen (13) stockpiled days. Of these stockpiled days, six (6) were set aside as inclement weather days, and the remaining seven (7) were built into our schedule as professional development days. Due to the above-mentioned inclement weather, we have exceeded our allotted inclement weather days.

As a result, we are requesting that the state grant us a waiver for three of the four days missed during the State of Emergency time period. This will provide us with additional days should we receive any additional inclement weather this school year.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.



## Paul Rainwater

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**From:** Richard VanHuss <vanhussr@k12tn.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 03, 2015 11:04 AM  
**To:** Candice McQueen  
**Cc:** Paul Rainwater; 'Booher, Rita E.'  
**Subject:** Inclement Weather Waiver Request  
**Attachments:** Inclement Weather Request for State.pdf

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Thank you in advance for your consideration. If you have additional questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Thank you and take care.



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