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March 25, 2015

Via Electronic Mail

Cheryl Cole, Director of Schools
Van Buren County Schools
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Dear Ms. Cole:

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 an instructional day for Van Buren County Schools. Pursuant to my above referenced authority, I hereby grant a waiver to Van Buren County Schools of one instructional day during the period of February 21-March 2, 2015. Please revise the calendar in EIS to indicate the one day that is waived. Thank you for continuing to notify the Department of revisions to your school calendar.

Sincerely,


Dr. Candice McQueen

**Van Buren County
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March 19, 2015

State Department of Education
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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 Van Buren County School System is requesting a waiver of 1 instructional day, February 26, 2015. During this time Governor Haslam declared a Level 2 State of Emergency, and our schools were closed for snow and ice.

Our system has 13 stockpiled days, and we have been closed 14 days due to snow and ice. We had a Parent-Teacher Conference scheduled on February 26, 2015, but had to cancel it because of weather. We did have the conference on March 10, 2015.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cheryl Cole". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cheryl Cole,
Director
Van Buren County Schools

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