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March 11, 2015

Via Electronic Mail

Dr. David Snowden, Director of Schools
Franklin SSD Schools
507 Highway 96 West
Franklin, TN 37064

dsnowden@fssd.org

Dear Dr. Snowden:

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 Franklin Special School District. Pursuant to my above referenced authority, I hereby grant a waiver to Franklin Special School District 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Candice McQueen".

Dr. Candice McQueen



Franklin Special School District

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March 10, 2015

Tennessee Department of Education
Attn: Education Commissioner Candice McQueen
710 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

Dear Commissioner McQueen,

This letter is to officially request the waiver of one instructional day for the Franklin Special School District for the 2014-2015 school year. We had a total of seven stockpiled days built into the calendar for inclement weather and we have missed a total of eight school days due to the snow and ice in our area. Over the past fourteen years, this is the first time we have ever had to use more than six days and usually the numbers are two to three. The following school days were missed due to the hazardous road conditions caused by snow and/or ice:

Tuesday, February 17th
Wednesday, February 18th
Thursday, February 19th
Friday, February 20th
Monday, February 23rd
Thursday, February 26th
Thursday, March 5th
Friday, March 6th

We respectfully request your consideration for this waiver of one instructional day for the 2014-2015 school year.

Respectfully,


David L. Snowden, Ph.D.
Director of Schools

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Paul Rainwater

From: Commissioner McQueen
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2015 3:10 PM
To: Paul Rainwater; Christy Ballard
Subject: FW: Franklin Special School District Request for Waiver
Attachments: Franklin Special School District Request for Waiver.pdf

From: Riordan, Carol [<mailto:RiordanCar@fssd.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2015 3:10 PM
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Cc: Snowden, David
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Dear Commissioner McQueen,
Attached is a request from our Director of Schools, Dr. David Snowden, for waiver of one instructional day for our district.

Respectfully,
Carol Riordan
Administrative Assistant

