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March 19, 2015

Via Electronic Mail

Dr. Richard W. Bales, Director of Schools
Johnson City Schools
100 E. Maple
Johnson City, TN 37605

balesr@jcschools.org

Dear Dr. Bales:

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 Johnson City Schools. Pursuant to my above referenced authority, I hereby grant a waiver to Johnson 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 cursive script that reads "Candice McQueen".

Dr. Candice McQueen

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Johnson City Schools is to enable all students to achieve excellence in learning, to accept social responsibility and to develop self-worth.

SACS ACCREDITATION

All schools are accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

March 17, 2015

Fax: 615-532-7510

Mr. Paul Rainwater
Tennessee Department of Education
710 James Robertson Parkway
Andrew Johnson Tower, 6th Floor
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

Dear Mr. Rainwater:

The Johnson City School System is asking for a waiver for four (4) instructional days. Because of excessive snow, our school system used four (4) days beyond the five (5) days that were built into our 2014-2015 SY calendar. We stockpile thirteen (13) days to be used only for inclement weather.

Since Governor Haslam declared a Level 2 State of Emergency – Major Disaster – due to the extreme weather conditions throughout the state, we would appreciate your consideration of our request and look forward to a favorable response from you.

Should you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Richard W. Bales, Ed.D
Superintendent of Schools

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