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COMMISSIONER

March 31, 2015

***Via Electronic Mail***

Dr. Vicki Kirk, Director of Schools  
Greene County Schools  
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Dear Dr. Kirk:

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 West Greene High School and Mosheim Elementary School of Greene County Schools. Pursuant to my above referenced authority, I hereby grant a waiver to West Greene High School and Mosheim Elementary School of Greene 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,

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

Dr. Candice McQueen

March 31, 2015

State of Tennessee  
Department of Education  
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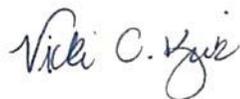
Dear Dr. McQueen:

I would like to submit for your approval a waiver of the 180 instructional day requirement for two schools, West Greene High School and Mosheim Elementary School, in our school system for **Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup>** because these schools were closed following a devastating fire in proximity to the schools that depleted their water supply. Both schools were evacuated on Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> to other schools in the district due to the fire and water issues related to the fire. Water service was restored on Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, and the schools were in session on that date.

For the current year, we have 13 days stockpiled in which 9 were used for inclement weather district-wide and 4 days for professional development. We missed 10 days due to the inclement weather that resulted in Governor Haslam declaring a Level 2 State of Emergency. The fourth stockpiled professional development day occurred on March 27<sup>th</sup>, and we used that day to make up the 10<sup>th</sup> day missed due to inclement weather. As of today, our system does not have any remaining stockpile days to use. All schools but the two aforementioned schools have met the 180 day requirement.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,



Vicki C. Kirk, Ed. D  
Director of Schools  
Greene County Schools