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March 11, 2015

Via Electronic Mail

Cathy Harvey, Director of Schools
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Dear Ms. Harvey:

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 Houston County Schools. Pursuant to my above referenced authority, I hereby grant a waiver to Houston County 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

Paul Rainwater

From: Cathy Harvey <harveyc@k12tn.net>
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Mr. Rainwater,
Attached is Houston County's waiver request. We currently have 1 day to make-up but do have a concern regarding spring rains and flooding issues that historically occurs in our county.

We do stockpile 13 days with 10 for inclement weather and 3 for professional development. We have missed 11 days as of today. We would like to have the option of waiving additional days in the spring if needed.

Thank you for your assistance and please call if you have any questions.

Cathy Harvey

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