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March 10, 2015

Via Electronic Mail

Ann Sexton, Director of Schools
Oneida SSD Schools
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Dear Ms. Sexton:

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 Oneida SSD Schools. Pursuant to my above referenced authority, I hereby grant a waiver to Oneida SSD Schools of two instructional days during the period of February 21-March 2, 2015. Please revise the calendar in EIS to indicate the two 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: Ann Sexton <asexton@oneidaschools.org>
Sent: Monday, March 09, 2015 2:04 PM
To: Paul Rainwater
Subject: Fw: Oneida SSD - Snow Days

Leve 2 State of Emergency Forgiveness of Days

Currently, the Oneida Special School District has missed 15 days for snow and/or weather related events. The district each year builds in 13 days into the calendar in case of such emergencies. Most years this is sufficient or exceeds our needs. However, this year with the winter weather that we received in February and early March across the Cumberland Plateau our days quickly dwindled.

The days missed were as follows: October 15, November 18, January 14, 16 and 27, February 17, 18, 19, 20 23, 24, 26 and 27 and March 5 and 6.

Our current remaining calendar includes a break for Good Friday on April 3, as well as, spring break on April 6 – 10. We have many students and faculty who have already made plans for those breaks, and given the late notice, we feel that we will have a high degree of absenteeism if we have to make-up those days during that break.

Therefore, since this was declared a Level 2 state of emergency, the district is requesting that the 2 additional snow days be forgiven.

Ann Sexton, Director of Schools
Oneida SSD