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March 4, 2015

Via Electronic Mail

Eric Lomax, Director of Schools
Perry County Schools
857 Squirrel Hollow Drive
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Dear Mr. Lomax:

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.

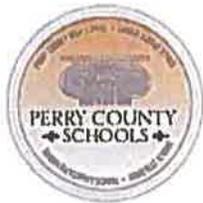
On February 21, Governor Haslam declared a Level 2 State of Emergency – Major Disaster – due to the extreme weather conditions throughout the state. This State of Emergency extended through March 2, representing six school days. Because of the unique and rare circumstances of our recent weather and the 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 Perry County Schools. Pursuant to my above referenced authority, I hereby grant a waiver to Perry County 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 black ink that reads "Candice McQueen".

Dr. Candice McQueen



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Perry County High School - Linden Middle School - Linden Elementary School - Lobelville Elementary

February 27, 2015

Dr. Candice McQueen, Commissioner
Tennessee Department of Education
9th Floor, Andrew Johnson Tower
710 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37243

Dear Dr. McQueen,

Perry County Schools requests to waive the 180 school day requirement for the 2014-15 school year. Our district has experienced severe weather conditions in the form of accumulating snow and ice that made numerous roads impassable. Perry County Schools experienced closure on February 23rd and February 26th during the State of Emergency declaration, and request these two instructional days be waived. Our approved calendar for this school year includes stockpiled days divided into 8 inclement weather days and 5 staff development days. As of today, the district has closed a total of 7 days due to weather conditions and 2 days due to illness which exceeds our number of stockpiled days. The only way the district could make up the 2 missed instructional days would be to remove staff development from the calendar or to add additional instructional days to the end of the school year. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eric Lomax".

Eric Lomax, Director

Paul Rainwater

From: Hanseul Kang
Sent: Wednesday, March 04, 2015 10:14 AM
To: Christy Ballard; Paul Rainwater
Subject: FW: Calendar Waiver Request-Perry County
Attachments: Calendar Waiver Request 15-16.pdf

From: Ashley Carroll [<mailto:carrolla@k12tn.net>]
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Good Morning

Attached is a letter from Director Eric Lomax requesting a waiver for instructional days due to the recent weather conditions. I have emailed this to Dr McQueen but wanted to follow up with an email to you as well. If any further information is needed please let me know.

Thank you & have a good day,

Ashley Carroll, Supervisor
Perry County Schools - District 680
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From: "Ashley Carroll" <carrolla@k12tn.net>
To: "Candice McQueen" <Candice.McQueen@tn.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2015 1:47:28 PM
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Good Afternoon Dr. McQueen,

Attached is a letter from Director Eric Lomax requesting a waiver for instructional days due to the recent weather conditions. If further information is needed please let me know.

Thank you,

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