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March 13, 2015

Via Electronic Mail

Jennifer Terry, Director of Schools
Bledsoe County Schools
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Dear Ms. Terry:

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 Bledsoe County Schools. Pursuant to my above referenced authority, I hereby grant a waiver to Bledsoe 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 black ink that reads "Candice McQueen".

Dr. Candice McQueen

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Director of Schools

March 12, 2015

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Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0375

RE: Waiver of instructional days

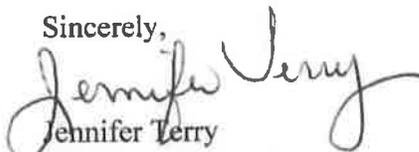
Dear Commissioner McQueen:

Pursuant to Public Chapter 272 of the Public Acts and TCA 49-6-3004(a)(6), the Bledsoe County School System is requesting a waiver of 3 instructional days, February 23, 24 and 26, 2015. In response to Governor Haslam's declaration of a Level 2 State of Emergency, we request this waiver due to our school being closed for ice, snow, power outages and roof, heating and water damage to Rigsby Elementary and Bledsoe County Middle School.

Our system has 13 stockpiled days and as of today, we have been closed 15 days due to weather conditions.

I look forward to your response. If further information is needed, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Terry
Director of Schools
Bledsoe County Schools

Paul Rainwater

From: Sharlene Roberson <sroberson@k12tn.net>
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Dear Mr. Rainwater,

Attached is a copy of the request from our system for the waiver of instructional days.

If any further information is needed, please feel free to contact me.

Thanks
Sharlene Roberson
Bledsoe County Schools
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