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CANDICE MCQUEEN
COMMISSIONER

March 18, 2015

Via Electronic Mail

Jonathan Sumner, Associate Superintendent
Georgia-Cumberland Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
255 Conference Road
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jsumner@gccsda.com

Dear Mr. Sumner:

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 Georgia-Cumberland Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Pursuant to my above referenced authority, I hereby grant a waiver to Georgia-Cumberland Conference of Seventh-day Adventists 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



GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

March 19, 2015

Via Electronic Mail

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

Dear Dr. McQueen:

The Georgia-Cumberland Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Office of Education would like to request a waiver of (3) instructional days for schools over their stockpiled days. Our district and school calendars complied with a DOE arrangement to stockpile up to (13) days minus (5) professional days. Due to the unusual inclement weather this winter, many have exhausted these reserves. In addition, the hardest hit schools are already adjusting their calendars and extending their school year even with this anticipated waiver. To avoid the need to extend school calendars excessively, we are requesting your consideration for a waiver of (3) instructional days.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Sumner, Associate Superintendent
Georgia-Cumberland Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

cc: Marcy Tidwell
Paul Rainwater

Growing Disciples Through Shared Leadership

Paul Rainwater

From: Jonathan Sumner <jsumner@gccsda.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2015 10:02 AM
To: Commissioner McQueen
Cc: Marcy Tidwell; Paul Rainwater
Subject: Inclement Weather Waiver Request: Georgia-Cumberland Conference Schools
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Dr. McQueen:

Georgia-Cumberland Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is requesting an instructional day waiver for inclement weather for their schools. We are a category II state approved private school system. Attached is our formal request.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Sumner
Associate Superintendent
Georgia-Cumberland Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

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