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March 19, 2015

Via Electronic Mail

Mike Davis, Director of Schools
Robertson County Schools
2121 Woodland Street
Springfield, TN 37172

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Dear Mr. Davis:

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

Robertson County Schools

James M. (Mike) Davis, Director
2121 Woodland Street
P.O. Box 130
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The Robertson County Board of Education respectfully requests a waiver request for the 180-day instructional requirement due to severe weather related issues. Our official request includes three days of reprieve from the 180 instructional days.

A. Circumstances

Robertson County missed school on the following dates due to severe weather issues:

Jan. 8th – School was closed due to extreme temperatures affecting the safety of the students. The temperature remained in the single digits.

February 17th, 18th and 19th- School was closed due to snow and ice affecting the travel conditions and safety of our students.

February 23rd, 24th, 25th and 26th- School was closed due to severe weather with snow and ice.

March 5th and 6th- School was closed due to severe weather related to ice and snow.

In addition to the weather related issues, many of our schools had heat issues that had to be repaired before students could attend. Also, our parking lots and side streets remained dangerous due to cold temperatures and lack of sun on the roads. All decisions for closing schools were related to keeping our students and employees safe.

B. Stockpiled Days

Robertson County designated four stockpiled days in the 2014-15 school calendar.

1. September 15th: Parent Teacher Conferences
2. January 2nd: Professional Learning/collaborative planning
3. January 5th: Curriculum planning
4. February 17th: Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences

C. Inability to make-up days

1. Extending our calendar would be difficult due to the schedule of events already set.
2. We have graduation and exam days set as well as venues booked for our large schools.
3. We also have standardized test schedules set and are unable to extend or move those dates
4. Expanding the school year interferes with the start of our extended summer program for our Title schools as well as summer school for our high schools and middle schools.

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5. Expanding the school year disrupts the timeline for implementing the Department of Justice agreement for opening new schools and completing our rezoning moves required from the agreement between the Department of Justice and the Robertson County Board of Education
6. We are unsure of any impending inclement weather due to spring storms.

For further documentation of our calendar and use of our stockpiled days, please see the attached documents.

Respectfully,



James M. (Mike) Davis
Director of Schools

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Agenda for Professional Development

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2014-15

August 7th: Stockpile Day

Curriculum Planning: PLC All teachers will meet by grade level to review student data and examine curriculum in order to align appropriate academic goals for individual students.

All teaches will work with grade level teams in order to review framing the context, planning the lessons, implementing those lessons, monitoring progress, and evaluating learning while keeping the overarching goals of standards and skills at the baseline level for planning. Teachers will also plan while keeping in mind the timeline for school and district benchmarks in order to keep the curriculum and pacing plan on track.

September 15th: Stockpile Day

Parent Teacher Conferences: Scheduled time 11:00- 7:00 p.m.

Research has shown that parental involvement is the most important factor in a student's success in school. As Educators, the Robertson County teachers and staff look forward to making the most out of our parent conference opportunities.

The parent conferences offer an opportunity for communication between parents/guardians and teachers with direct focus on using anecdotal notes, test results, and work samples to be presented in a way allowing discovery of student strengths and areas for growth.

October 31st: Stockpile Day

Early Release Time 11:30 to 3:30

Purpose: PLC meeting focused on Standards and Team training. PLC sessions will be at the school level utilizing Teachers trained from the state department of education. The Team training leaders will focus on deepening teacher understanding of the design and expektorations of writing, math and ELA/Literacy.

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January 5th: Stockpile Day

Curriculum Planning; PLC meeting focused on analyzing data from benchmark testing. All teachers meet in grade levels and review for vertical planning. Meeting will be held at the school level. Data analysis will also be analyzed for revisions to RTI placement and identifying standards needed to be taught to close achievement gaps.

February 17th Stockpile Day

Parent Teacher Conferences: Scheduled time 11:00- 7:00 p.m.

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The parent conferences offer an opportunity for communication between parents/guardians and teachers with direct focus on using anecdotal notes, test results, and work samples to be presented in a way allowing discovery of student strengths and areas for growth.

October 31st: Stockpile Day

Early Release Time 11:30 to 3:30

Purpose: PLC meeting focused on redelivery of Explicit Direct Instruction and Team training. PLC sessions will be at the school level utilizing teachers trained from the state department of education. The Team training leaders will focus on deepening teacher understanding of the design and expectations of writing, math and ELA/Literacy

April 12th: Stockpile Day

Purpose: All teachers will meet by grade level in a PLC meeting focused on analysis of data and planning for intervention and review of standards. Review of spring benchmarks for instructional purposes. PLC meetings will be held at the school level.



LEA Stockpiled Professional Development Days
2014-15 Application

Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §49-6-3004(a), the use of stockpiled days for professional development must be approved by the commissioner of education prior to including the days on LEA district or school calendars. Please complete the application below and attach an agenda for each requested professional development day. All questions regarding application completion or guidelines for stockpiling professional development days should be directed to Paul Rainwater at Paul.Rainwater@tn.gov or (615) 532-4867.

District: Robertson County Director of Schools: Mike Davis

Stockpiled Days Requested for Professional Development (PD):

PD Date: August 7th PD Topic: Curriculum Planning Agenda Attached: []

Participating Schools: [] All Schools [] All Elementary [] All Middle [] All High Schools

PD Date: September 15th PD Topic: Parent Teacher Conference Agenda Attached: []

Participating Schools: [] All Schools [] All Elementary [] All Middle [] All High Schools

PD Date: October 31st PD Topic: PLC Planning Agenda Attached: X []

Participating Schools: [] All Schools [] All Elementary [] All Middle [] All High Schools

PD Date: January 5th PD Topic: Curriculum Planning Agenda Attached: x []

Participating Schools: [] All Schools [] All Elementary [] All Middle [] All High Schools

PD Date: April 2nd PD Topic: PLC Meeting Agenda Attached: []

Participating Schools: [] All Schools [] All Elementary [] All Middle [] All High Schools

PD Date: February 17th PD Topic: Parent Teacher Conference Agenda Attached: []

Participating Schools: [] All Schools [] All Elementary [] All Middle [] All High Schools

If necessary, please duplicate this form to request additional stockpiled professional development days.

Submit the signed application by e-mail to Paul.Rainwater@tn.gov . **Deadline for submitting this application is April 15, 2014.**

Director of Schools Signature: Mike Davis Date: Revised
Date: 12/30/14

Commissioner: _____ Approved: Denied: Date: _____

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Paul Rainwater

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Afternoon Paul! Attached is the waiver request for Robertson County Schools.

Beverly B. Corbin
Director of Schools Office

"The First blooms of spring always make my heart sing"

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