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March 9, 2015

Via Electronic Mail

Robert W. Greene, Director of Schools
Athens City Schools
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Dear Mr. Greene:

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 Athens City Schools. Pursuant to my above referenced authority, I hereby grant a waiver to Athens City 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



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March 6, 2015

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Athens City Schools' would like to request a waiver of a maximum of three instructional days that were missed during the recent inclement weather in February and March of 2015.

1. The Athens City School calendar has a total of 13 stock piled days built in with 2 of the days used as Professional Development. We have currently used 9 days as of March 5, 2015.
2. Athens City Schools has an extra 45 minutes built in to each school day for instruction. We are serving students with one of the longest school days than any other school system in the State of Tennessee. The extra time built into our school day allows us to use the instructional time year round and not require us to make up days.
3. Athens City Schools has provided the staff and parents with information that by extending our school day by 45 minutes we would not have to extend the school year to make up days.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Greene
Director of Schools

RWG:jl

Paul Rainwater

From: Commissioner McQueen
Sent: Friday, March 06, 2015 12:44 PM
To: Christy Ballard; Paul Rainwater
Subject: FW: Request for Waiver of Three Instructional Days- Athens City Schools
Attachments: Waiver to State for Instructional Days ACS.pdf

From: Julie Lofland [<mailto:loflandj@k12tn.net>]
Sent: Friday, March 06, 2015 12:43 PM
To: Commissioner McQueen
Cc: 'Robert Greene'
Subject: Request for Waiver of Three Instructional Days- Athens City Schools

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Please find the Athens City Schools formal request for the waiver of three instructional days due to the inclement weather this school year attached.

A hard copy of the letter will be mailed to the address shown on the letter.

Thanks,
Julie



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