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March 9, 2015

***Via Electronic Mail***

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Dear Mr. Jones:

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 Fentress County Schools. Pursuant to my above referenced authority, I hereby grant a waiver to Fentress 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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Dr. McQueen:

Fentress County Schools is submitting this letter to request a waiver of five (5) instructional days due to inclement weather as stated in your memo to Director's of Schools on February 26, 2015. The circumstances leading to this request are as follows: Fentress County has missed a total of eighteen (18) days at this time. Thirteen (13) of those were stockpiled days. Five are beyond any stockpiled days.

The stockpiled days were utilized as follows per a DOE approved plan. One snow day (1) utilized to dismiss school on election day November 4, 2014. One snow day (2) utilized for PD on November 11, 2014. One snow day (3) was taken for weather on November 18, 2014. One snow day (4) was taken on January 14, 2015 due to weather. A snow day (5) was utilized for PD on January 19, 2015. Two snow days (6 & 7) were utilized for weather on January 26 and 27, 2015. A snow day (8) was utilized for weather on February 2, 2015. Five snow days were taken February 16 -20, 2015 for weather which exhausted our stockpiled days. As stated above, we missed five days beyond our stockpiled days due to weather during the week of February 23 – 27, 2015 for a total of eighteen days missed.

Should this waiver request of five days be granted we will end school on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 unless we miss more school due to inclement weather.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Professionally yours,

Mike Jones, Director  
Fentress County Schools