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March 31, 2015

Via Electronic Mail

Jerry Levensgood, Director of Schools
Rhea County Schools
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Dear Mr. Levensgood:

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

Paul Rainwater

From: Jerry Levengood <levengoodj@rheacounty.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 5:11 PM
To: Paul Rainwater
Subject: Waiver for inclement weather

Rhea County Schools missed a total of nine days due to snow and ice this winter. The days missed were:

1. January 8
2. January 27
3. February 18
4. February 19
5. February 20
6. February 24
7. February 26
8. February 27
9. March 5

Rhea County's calendar stockpiled a total of ten (10) days for inclement weather. Therefore we still have one stockpile day left for this year. However, it is not uncommon for us to have storm damage in the spring due to severe storms. I wanted to submit this request in the event that more days would be missed this spring. With the testing window so tight, and graduation and summer school schedules already set, it would be problematic for us to make up any days missed more than the one we have in reserve.

Thanks for this consideration.

Jerry Levengood
Director
Rhea County Schools