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March 9, 2015

Via Electronic Mail

Johnny G. Cordell, Director of Schools
Sequatchie County Schools
878 Cordell Drive
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jcordell@sequatchie.k12.tn.us

Dear Mr. Cordell:

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

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March 5, 2015

Candace McQueen, Ph.D.
Commissioner
Tennessee Department of Education
Nashville, Tennessee



Dear Dr. McQueen:

Due to the recent declaration of a Level 2 State of Emergency, the Sequatchie County Schools request a waiver of three instructional days during the week of February 23-27. The Sequatchie County Schools stockpiled a total of nine days for inclement weather and have used all of those days due to the recent winter weather conditions. Due to the need to cancel school today, our system has now missed ten days due to weather conditions.

To avoid the need to extend the school calendar, we request your consideration for a waiver for three instructional days.

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Johnny G. Cordell, Director
Sequatchie County Schools

Paul Rainwater

From: Pete Swafford <swafford@sequatchie.k12.tn.us>
Sent: Thursday, March 05, 2015 9:56 AM
To: Paul Rainwater
Cc: Candice McQueen
Subject: Sequatchie Co 180 Day Waiver Request
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Dear Paul,

Attached is our request for the waiver of three instructional days during the recent Level 2 State of Emergency. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Michael L.(Pete) Swafford
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