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March 9, 2015

Via Electronic Mail

Joe D. Barlow, Director of Schools
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Dear Mr. Barlow:

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

March 9, 2015

State Department of Education
Commission Candice McQueen
9th Floor, Andrew Johnson Tower
710 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0375

RE: Waiver of instructional days

Dear Commissioner McQueen:

Pursuant to Public Chapter 272 of the Public Acts and TCA 49-6-3004(a)(6), the Jackson County School System is requesting a waiver of 3 instructional days, **February 23, 24 and 25, 2015**. In response to Governor Haslam's declaration of a Level 2 State of Emergency, we request this waiver due to our schools being closed for ice, snow and roof and water damage to Gainesboro Elementary School.

Our system has 13 stockpiled days and as of today, we have been closed 17 days due to ice and snow. We plan to have a make-up day this Friday, March 13, 2015 which was originally scheduled as a spring break day.

I look forward to your response. If further information is needed, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Joe D. Barlow

Joe D. Barlow,
Director
Jackson County Schools

Paul Rainwater

From: Sue Cassetty <cassettys@k12tn.net>
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Please see attached request for waiver from Joe Barlow, Jackson Co. Look forward to your response. Joe Barlow