



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**  
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COMMISSIONER

April 8, 2015

***Via Electronic Mail***

Phil Brannon, Director of Schools  
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Dear Mr. Brannon:

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 Alvin C York Institute. Pursuant to my above referenced authority, I hereby grant a waiver to Alvin C York Institute 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



## Alvin C. York Institute

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April 3, 2015

Dr. Candice McQueen  
Commissioner of Education, Tennessee  
Nashville, TN

Dr. McQueen,

I am requesting a waiver for inclement weather days on behalf of Alvin C. York Agricultural Institute, a State Special School, located in Fentress County. A waiver has already been granted to Fentress County Schools. We have to operate on the same schedule as Fentress County, because they provide the buses for Alvin C. York students. Alvin C. York Agricultural Institute exceeded our stockpiled days by 7, due to inclement weather. We are asking for a waiver of 3 days between February 21-March 2, 2015. The remaining four days will be made up as follows:

- Go to school Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Go to school May 22<sup>nd</sup> Administration Day (teachers will make up administrative time after school)
- May 25<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day – No school
- Add two days at the end of the year. The last day will be May 28<sup>th</sup>, and will be a short day

If any other information is needed, you may reach me at 931-879-2136 or 931-200-8417.

Sincerely,

Phil Brannon, Superintendent