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CANDICE MCQUEEN
COMMISSIONER

March 19, 2015

Via Electronic Mail

Matt Mercer, Headmaster
First Baptist Academy
7706 Ewing Road
Powell, TN 37849

Dear Mr. Mercer:

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 First Baptist Academy. Pursuant to my above referenced authority, I hereby grant a waiver to First Baptist Academy 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



FIRST BAPTIST —ACADEMY—

March 12, 2015

Commissioner Candice McQueen

710 James Robertson Parkway
Andrew Johnson Tower, 9th Floor
Nashville, TN 37243

Dear Commissioner McQueen:

Our school is writing to request a wavier on our allotted snow days. Due to the fact our school serves many students and families in several East Tennessee counties, including Anderson, Knox, Campbell, and Union, we were forced to cancel school several days in a row due to the inclement weather conditions. We have 10 snow days built into our school calendar for the 2014-2015 school year. Because of the February storms, we were forced to cancel school from February 16th -27th and then again, because of inclement weather, on March 5th. We are requesting a wavier for three of these instructional days. We will be making up one instructional day on a scheduled holiday, April 6th.

Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,

Matt Mercer
Headmaster