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March 13, 2015

***Via Electronic Mail***

Dr. McIntyre, Director of Schools  
Knox County Schools  
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Dear Dr. McIntyre:

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 an instructional day for two schools in Knox County Schools. Pursuant to my above referenced authority, I hereby grant a waiver to two schools in Knox County Schools of one instructional day during the period of February 21-March 2, 2015. Please revise the calendar in EIS to indicate the one day that is 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

KNOX COUNTY SCHOOLS  
ANDREW JOHNSON BUILDING

*Dr. James P. McIntyre Jr., Superintendent*



March 11, 2015

Dr. Candace McQueen, Commissioner  
Tennessee Department of Education  
710 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, TN 37243

**RE:** Request for waiver of Required Number of Instructional Days

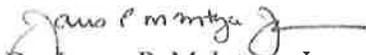
Dear Commissioner McQueen:

This letter is to request an instructional day waiver for two Knox County Schools that have exceeded the level of designated inclement weather days accrued by the Knox County Schools for the 2014-2015 school year.

The Knox County School district has 10 days allotted to make up days lost due to inclement weather. To date, the district has used 10 days. Unfortunately, Sunnyview Primary School and Chilhowee Intermediate School have missed 11 days of school this year. The additional lost day is because we had to cancel school for a day following the tragic school bus accident in December where buses from each school collided with one another. Several dozen students were injured in this accident and two students and a teacher's assistant lost their lives.

Based on these circumstances, I respectfully request that a waiver of one instructional day be granted to Sunnyview Primary and Chilhowee Intermediate Schools for the 2014-2015 school year.

Sincerely,

  
Dr. James P. McIntyre, Jr.  
Superintendent

## Paul Rainwater

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**From:** KAY GOOD <kay.good@knoxschools.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 12, 2015 2:07 PM  
**To:** Paul Rainwater; Janice Mann  
**Cc:** RUSS OAKS; STEPHANIE JEFFREYS  
**Subject:** Knox County Schools Request for Waiver  
**Attachments:** Request for Waiver 2 Schools 3\_11\_2015.pdf

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Mr. Rainwater,  
Attached for review and approval is the Knox County Schools request for waiver of Required Number of Instructional Days response letter regarding two of our schools.  
Please let me know if you have additional questions.  
Thank you,  
Kay

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