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March 19, 2015

Via Electronic Mail

Teresa Schwartz, Executive Director
Memphis Oral School for the Deaf
7901 Poplar Avenue
Germantown, TN 38138

Dear Ms. Schwartz:

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 Memphis Oral School for the Deaf. Pursuant to my above referenced authority, I hereby grant a waiver to Memphis Oral School for the Deaf 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



Speech & Hearing Center of the Mid-South
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Empowering Deaf Children to Listen, Learn, and Talk

Teresa Schwartz, *Executive Director*

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March 10, 2015

Candice McQueen, Ph.D.
Commissioner
Tennessee Department of Education
9th Floor, Andrew Johnson Tower
710 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37243

Dear Dr. McQueen,

I am writing to request a waiver of three instructional days for our students at Memphis Oral School for the Deaf due to extreme weather conditions and the resulting "snow days" that kept our students from attending school. At Memphis Oral School for the Deaf we build 5 days each year into our calendar for inclement weather. In the past, this has always met our needs. This winter, however, we missed 8 days of school for weather-related causes. We are requesting this waiver of three instructional days so as not to disrupt the schedules of our families any more than they have already experienced.

Thank you for your consideration of our needs.

Sincerely,



Teresa Schwartz
Executive Director