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March 16, 2015

Via Electronic Mail

Dianne Elder, Director of Schools
Pickett County Schools
141 Skyline Drive
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Dear Ms. Elder:

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

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RE: Waiver of instruction days

Dear Commissioner McQueen:

Pursuant to Public Chapter 272 of the Public Acts and TCA 49-6-3004(a)(6), the Pickett County School System is requesting a waiver of three (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 Pickett County Schools being closed for ice, snow and water damage to the roof of Pickett County K-8.

Pickett County Schools stockpiled 13 days and have been closed 17 days because of snow and ice. We are planning to add one day to our school calendar at the end of the year which will be Saturday, May 23.

Thank you for your consideration to this request. If further information is needed, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Diane Elder, Director
Pickett County Schools

Paul Rainwater

From: Patricia Elder <elderp@k12tn.net>
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2015 10:06 AM
To: Paul Rainwater
Subject: Waiver request
Attachments: Request snow days waiver.pdf

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Mr. Rainwater,

Attached you will find Pickett County's formal request for a waiver of snow days.
If more information is needed, please call me at 931-864-3123.
My office number is 931-864-3123 and my cell is 931-510-6510.

Thank you for all you do,

Diane Elder, Director
Pickett County Schools