



**BILL HASLAM**  
GOVERNOR

STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**  
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**CANDICE MCQUEEN**  
COMMISSIONER

March 30, 2015

***Via Electronic Mail***

Dr. Amanda L. Bell, Administrating Instructor  
Redeemer Classical Academy  
P.O. Box 12169  
Murfreesboro, TN 37129

Dear Dr. Bell:

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 Redeemer Classical Academy. Pursuant to my above referenced authority, I hereby grant a waiver to Redeemer Classical Academy of two and one half instructional days during the period of February 21-March 2, 2015. Please revise the calendar in EIS to indicate the two and one half 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



**REDEEMER**  
CLASSICAL ACADEMY

March 20, 2015

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

Dear Commissioner McQueen,

Redeemer Classical Academy would like to request a waiver to exempt 2.5 instructional days from the 2014-2015 school year, due to extreme weather and the Level 2 State of Emergency experienced in late February. We understand the importance of instructional days and do not make this request lightly.

Our calendar for the 2014-2015 school year included seven inclement weather days. Schools in Rutherford County, where Redeemer Classical Academy is located, were closed for inclement weather on the following dates: January 14, February 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 (half-day), 23, and 26, March 5 and 6. Redeemer follows Rutherford County for weather closure as our student population is distributed across this area rather than localized within the city of Murfreesboro. We have looked into possibilities of adding days on to our calendar; however, this has proven to be an ineffective option due to a high percentage of students being unable to attend on potential make-up days.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amanda L. Bell". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Amanda L. Bell, M.Ed.  
Administrating Instructor  
Redeemer Classical Academy