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March 31, 2015

Via Electronic Mail

Dr. Jubal Yennie, Director of Schools
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Dear Dr. Yennie:

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

Director of Schools
Dr. Jubal C. Yennie



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March 27, 2015

Mr. Paul Rainwater
Tennessee Department of Education
710 James Robertson Parkway
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Dear Mr. Rainwater:

Pursuant to TCA 49-6-3004, "School Term" Sullivan County Department of Education would like to request a waiver for instructional days for the current 2014-15 school year due to the inclement weather and the Level 2 State of Emergency declaration.

Sullivan County had a total of ten (10) stockpiled days approved for this current year, and we have used eleven (11) days for inclement weather. I request that the state waive one (1) instructional day for Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2014-15 school year.

In addition to the ten stockpiled days, we had three teacher professional development days, but these were utilized prior to the inclement weather. We used ten days during the two-week stretch of inclement weather during February. We had one additional day of unsafe conditions due to inclement weather a week later. We evaluated the use of other vacation days including spring break, Good Friday, and adding a day to the end of the current calendar, but we anticipated that these days would have significantly lower attendance and not be a valuable instructional day. The following table shows the specific dates of inclement weather and professional development days.

Professional Development Days	November 3, 2014, January 6, 2015, March 3, 2015.
Inclement Weather Days	February 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 2015 and one additional day on March 5, 2015.

I appreciate your favorable consideration for a waiver of one instructional day for the 2014-15 school calendar.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Jubal C. Yennie in blue ink.
Jubal C. Yennie