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March 16, 2015

***Via Electronic Mail***

Brian Reid, Principal  
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Dear Mr. Reid:

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 Savannah Christian Academy. Pursuant to my above referenced authority, I hereby grant a waiver to Savannah Christian Academy 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

Brian Reid  
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March 13, 2015

Dr. McQueen,

I am writing to request that three of the days our school was cancelled due to weather be waived. I am the principal of the school, but I am also considered director as this is a private school that is not in a larger district.

Our area was hard hit by winter weather, necessitating our closure for six school days due to extremely icy roads and power outages. We have five stockpiled days built into our calendar. We hope to not use any more of these days during the remainder of the school year, but our area is frequently the victim of severe storms that results in loss of power. There are few days that we could add to make up for missed time, and our students are already in school from 8:00 until 3:30.

Thank you for considering this request.

Brian Reid

Principal, Savannah Christian Academy

## Paul Rainwater

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**From:** Commissioner McQueen  
**Sent:** Friday, March 13, 2015 4:05 PM  
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**Subject:** FW: Waiver Request for Savannah Christian Academy  
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**From:** Brian Reid [<mailto:brian.reid@sbc savannah.org>]  
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Commissioner McQueen,

I am attaching a letter in regards to possibly receiving a waiver for school days that we have missed.

Thanks,  
Brian Reid