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COMMISSIONER

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Dear Mr. Hixson,

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 during a school year, the commissioner of education may waive for that school year the requirement under subdivision (a) (1) of one hundred eighty (180) days of classroom instruction, if a request is submitted to the commissioner by the director of schools.

You have submitted a request to waive the 180 instructional day requirement for the Clinch School due to road closures caused by landslides in Hawkins County. Your request states that you will extend the school day by ninety (90) minutes Monday through Thursday and close school on Friday each week until one of the routes is open for use.

Pursuant to my above referenced authority, and according to your proposed plan, I hereby grant this waiver request to the Clinch School for one semester. Thank you for continuing to notify the Department of revisions to your school calendar.

Sincerely,

Penny Schwinn, Ph.D.  
Commissioner