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March 9, 2015

Via Electronic Mail

Jimmy Long, Director of Schools
Humphreys County Schools
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Dear Mr. Long:

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 Humphreys County Schools. Pursuant to my above referenced authority, I hereby grant a waiver to Humphreys 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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**JAMES LONG
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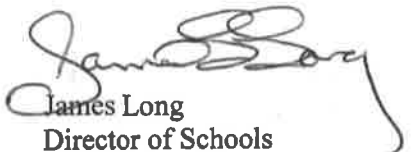
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Commissioner McQueen:

The Humphreys County Schools Calendar has 13 stockpile days built in to offset days missed for inclement weather. As of Friday, March 6 Humphreys County has missed a total of 16 days because of excessive absences due to flu and the inclement weather and poor road conditions. During the time between 2/21 and 2/27, the time spanning Governor Haslam's declaration of a Level 2 State of Emergency, we missed a total of 5 days. We are requesting a waiver of the 3 instructional days that we have missed, exceeding our 13 stockpiled days. Making up these days within our current calendar would cause a major imposition to our families and their schedules and our teachers who at some schools have professional development plans.

Thank you,



James Long
Director of Schools
Humphreys Co. School System

Paul Rainwater

From: Robert Martin <martinr@hcss.org>
Sent: Friday, March 06, 2015 10:27 AM
To: Commissioner McQueen; Paul Rainwater; Janice Mann
Cc: James Long
Subject: Inclement Weather Waiver Request
Attachments: 3 Instructional Days waiver scan.PDF

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Please find attached a letter from Mr. James Long, Humphreys County Director of Schools, requesting a waiver of 3 instructional days due to inclement weather.

Thank you,

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Robert Martin
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