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March 20, 2015

Via Electronic Mail

Mark A. Griffith, Director of Schools
Marion County Schools
204 Betsy Pack Drive
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mgriffith@mctns.net

Dear Mr. Griffith:

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

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State Department of Education
Commissioner Candice McQueen
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RE: Waiver of instruction days

Dear Commissioner McQueen:

Pursuant to Public Chapter 272 of the Public Acts of TCA 49-6-3004(a)(6), the Marion County School System is requesting a waiver of one (1) instructional day, February 27, 2015. We request this wavier due to Marion County Schools being closed for ice and snow.

Marion County Schools stockpiled 13 days and have been closed 14 days because of snow and ice.

Thank you for your consideration to this request. If further information is needed, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark A. Griffith', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mark A. Griffith, Director
Marion County Schools

Paul Rainwater

From: Regina Phillips <rphillips@mctns.net>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2015 9:52 AM
To: Paul Rainwater
Cc: Mark Griffith; Mack Reeves; Vickie Tuders
Subject: Waiver Request
Attachments: Waiver Request for Snow & Ice Day.pdf

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Mr. Rainwater,

Attached you will find Marion County School's formal request for a waiver of a snow day.

If more information is needed, please contact Director Griffith at 423-942-3434 or mgriffith@mctns.net

Thank you for your help.

Regina Phillips

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