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LIZZETTE REYNOLDS
COMMISSIONER

Via Electronic Mail

February 2, 2026

Dr. Jean Luna-Vedder
Clarksville Montgomery County School System
621 Gracey Avenue
Clarksville, TN 37040

Dear Director Luna-Vedder,

I have received your waiver request of Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-3004 as it pertains to the required 180 days of classroom instruction. Clarksville Montgomery County School System was closed from January 26, 2026, through January 30, 2026, due to the impact of winter ice storm. You are requesting a waiver for these five days:

Under Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-3004(a)(6), the commissioner has the authority to waive the 180 days for classroom instruction requirement in the event of a natural disaster or serious outbreaks of illness affecting or endangering students or staff. Pursuant to this authority, and because your district has exhausted all stockpile days, the waiver request for January 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, and 30th is hereby granted.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

Lizzette Reynolds
Commissioner



General Waiver Request

Local education agencies (LEAs) and public charter schools should review the Local Education Agency and Public Charter School Waiver Guidance posted on the [department's website](#) before submitting this request. The guidance outlines what can and cannot be waived, as well as the information required for commonly requested waivers.

To apply for a waiver, email the completed form to Education.Waivers@tn.gov. Following review by the commissioner, the requestor will be notified in writing if the waiver request is approved or denied. Unless otherwise stated, all waivers granted by the commissioner shall be granted for one-year terms.

If this is a waiver request for a public charter school, please attach documentation that confirms the public charter school first submitted this waiver to its LEA authorizer and the LEA authorized denied the request.

Clarksville-Montgomery County School System

Local Education Agency/Public Charter School

School Name, if applicable

621 Gracey Avenue, Clarksville, TN 37040

School Address, if applicable

jean.luna-vedder@cmcss.net

Director of Schools/Head of School Email Address

Dr. Jean Luna-Vedder

Director of Schools/Head of School Printed Name

Jean Luna-Vedder 1/29/20

Director of Schools/Head of School Signature & Date

Complete numbers 4-10 if requesting a waiver of the 180 instructional day requirement in Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-3004.

4. Dates of the day(s) requesting to be waived.
1/26/26, 1/27/26, 1/28/26, 1/29/26, 1/30/26
5. Reason for the request.
 - Natural disaster
 - Serious outbreak of illness affecting or endangering students or staff during a school year
6. Number of stockpile days scheduled for PD for the current school year.
8
7. Number of PD stockpile days that have been utilized at the time the waiver is requested.
7
8. Confirmation that all stockpile days have been exhausted.
 - Yes**, all stockpile days **have** been exhausted.
 - No**, all stockpile days **have not** been exhausted.
9. Number of instructional days that have already been waived by the commissioner during the current school year. 0
10. Explanation of the impact of the event necessitating this request (attach additional pages if more space is needed).

The snow and ice event that has hit Middle Tennessee over the past week has caused major disruption in Montgomery County. The amount of snow and ice caused power outages and serious travel concerns. The below freezing temperatures and extreme single digit temperatures predicted for the weekend have caused major difficulties in clearing school parking lots, neighborhoods, and back country roads. County and city government have also closed for the week which is unprecedented. Given that Governor Lee declared a Level 3 State of Emergency, we are requesting the five inclement weather days returned.