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**LIZZETTE REYNOLDS**  
COMMISSIONER

**Via Electronic Mail**

April 7, 2025

Manney Moore, Director of Schools  
Cocke County Schools  
305 Hedrick Drive  
Newport, TN 37821-9998  
[moorem@mail.cocke.k12.tn.us](mailto:moorem@mail.cocke.k12.tn.us)

Dear Director Moore:

I am in receipt of the April 7, 2025, waiver request of Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-3004(i)(7) as it relates making meals available to students in accordance with the school nutrition program requirements on days that remote instruction is provided. You have requested a waiver of this requirement on February 19-20, 2025 due to unsafe travel conditions.

Pursuant to the commissioner's waiver authority under Tenn. Code. Ann. § 49-1-201(d)(1), your request of a waiver of Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-3004(i)(7) to not serve meals on February 19-20, 2025, remote instruction days, is hereby granted. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

Lizzette Reynolds  
Commissioner

## Local Education Agency Waiver Request

Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated (T.C.A.) § 49-1-201(d), upon application by the local education agency (LEA) for one or more of its schools, the commissioner of education may waive any State Board of Education (SBE) rule or statute that inhibits or hinders the LEA's ability to meet its goals or comply with its mission. Waivers may not be granted by the commissioner for regulatory or statutory requirements related to:

- (A) Federal and state civil rights;
- (B) Federal, state and local health and safety;
- (C) Federal and state public records;
- (D) Immunizations;
- (E) Possession of weapons on school grounds;
- (F) Background checks and fingerprinting of personnel;
- (G) Federal and state special education services;
- (H) Student due process;
- (I) Parental rights;
- (J) Federal and state student assessment and accountability;
- (K) Open meetings;
- (L) Educators' due process rights;
- (M) Reductions in teachers' salaries;
- (N) Employee rights, salaries and benefits; and
- (O) Licensure of employees.

LEAs applying for waivers must email this completed form to [LEA.Waivers@tn.gov](mailto:LEA.Waivers@tn.gov). Following review by the commissioner, the LEA 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.

### Cocke County Board of Education

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Local Education Agency

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School Name, if applicable

305 Hedrick Dr. Newport, TN 37821

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School Address, if applicable

*Manney Moore*

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Director of Schools Signature & Date

Manney Moore

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Director of Schools Printed Name

List the statute or SBE rule for which a waiver is being requested.

Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-3004 i(7)(A)

Explanation of how the statute or SBE rule inhibits or hinders the LEA's ability to meet its goals or comply with its mission.

Cocke County Schools operated remotely on February 19 and 20, 2025 due to inclement weather.

We are requesting the food service requirement be waived by the Commissioner based on the unsafe travel conditions due to the ice and snow.

Expected duration of the condition necessitating this request.

The school district operated remotely during this period of inclement weather on February 19 and 20, 2025