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Via Electronic Mail

April 3, 2025

Christie Southerland, Director of Schools
Dickson County Schools
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Dear Director Southerland:

I have received your waiver request of Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-3004 as it pertains to the required 180 days of classroom instruction. Dickson County Schools were closed on January 10, 2025, due to the level 3 state of emergency. You are requesting a waiver for this day.

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 given that Dickson County Schools have exhausted all stockpile days, the waiver request for January 10, 2025, is hereby granted.

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

Sincerely,

Lizzette Reynolds
Commissioner



From: Dr. Christie Southerland, Director of Schools
To: Commissioner of Education, Commissioner.Education@tn.gov
CC: Christy Ballard, Christy.Ballard@tn.gov
Date: April 3, 2025
Subject: Emergency Closure January 10, 2025

Dickson County Schools currently has zero stockpiled days remaining for the 2024-2025 school year. Dickson County was closed on January 10, 2025 due to a winter storm making driving conditions hazardous throughout the county. I am requesting a waiver for January 10, 2025, a day on which Governor Lee closed state offices and issued a State of Emergency due to the winter storm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christie Southerland".

Christie Southerland
Director of Schools
Dickson County