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LIZZETTE REYNOLDS
COMMISSIONER

Via Electronic Mail

April 3, 2025

Christie Southerland, Director of Schools
Dickson County Schools
817 N. Charlotte Street
Dickson, TN 37055
csoutherland@dcstn.org

Dear Director Southerland:

I am in receipt of the April 3, 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 April 4, 2025 due to the possibility of high winds, tornadoes, and flooding.

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 the April 4, 2025 remote instruction day, 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. 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.

Dickson County School System

Local Education Agency

Dickson County

School Name, if applicable

817 N. Charlotte St. Dickson, TN 37055

School Address, if applicable



4/8/2025

Director of Schools Signature & Date

Christie Southerland

Director of Schools Printed Name

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

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.

The Governor ruled a State of Emergency due to severe weather conditions of high winds, tornadoes and flooding. This is a safety call for the district.

Expected duration of the condition necessitating this request.

A one day request for Friday, April 4, 2025.