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COMMISSIONER

Via Electronic Mail

October 16, 2024

David McLain, Director of Schools
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Re: Waiver for Remote Instruction

Dear Director McClain:

I am in receipt of the October 14, 2024, waiver request of Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-3004(i) as it relates to remote instruction. Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-3004(i)(1) allows school districts to provide up to two (2) days each semester of the required one hundred eighty (180) days of classroom instruction via remote instruction in the event of dangerous or extreme weather conditions or of serious outbreak of illness affecting or endangering students or staff or for the administration of assessments. Additionally, Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-3004(i)(7) requires school districts to make meals available to students in accordance with the school nutrition program requirements on days that remote instruction is provided.

You have requested to use one remote instruction day on November 5, 2024, due to the observation of Election Day.

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)(1) and Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-3004(i)(7) is hereby granted to allow the use of the aforementioned remote learning day without the requirement to serve meals due to the observation of Election Day. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

Lizzette Reynolds
Commissioner

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Ms. Ballard,

If you are not the right person to ask, please connect me with someone else. Greene County was flood ravaged. On our calendar, we have prior approval for stockpile days on November 5th, January 7th, and February 18th.

We now wish to convert those to regular student days. So...do we need some adjustment from the department to do this, or do we simply tell students to come those days? Please advise me on how to do this.

Lastly, for the Nov 5th day, since it is an election, we would utilize a “virtual day” instead of actual physical attendance.

I am preparing an action item for our Board to approve these changes, but I need to know what else is required.

Thanks.

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