Via Electronic Mail

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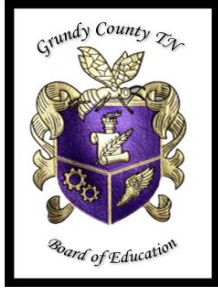ddurley@grundyk12.com

Dear Director Durley:

I have received your waiver request of Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-3004 as it pertains to the required 180 days of classroom instruction. Grundy County Schools were closed on April 7, 2025, due to an F-1 tornado and 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 Grundy County Schools have exhausted all stockpile days, the waiver request for April 7, 2025, is hereby granted.

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

Sincerely,

Lizzette Reynolds
Commissioner

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Subject: Tornado Forgiveness

Grundy County Schools could not open schools Monday, April 7, 2025 due to a tornado that hit part of our county Sunday. According to the National Weather Service in Nashville, an EF-1 tornado with 95 mph winds impacted areas from Monteagle to Tracy in Grundy County.

We have used our stockpile days and are currently over 1 day. We request a waiver for the April 7th due to the tornado.

Respectfully,

Dr. Clint Durley
Director of Schools
Grundy County Schools