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Via Electronic Mail

March 14, 2024

Dr. Tommy Arnold, Director of Schools
Jefferson County Schools
1221 Gay Street
Dandridge, TN 37725

Re: Waiver for 180 Days of Instructional Time

Dear Director Arnold:

I am in receipt of your January 24, 2024 request for a waiver of Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-3004 as it relates to the requirement for 180 days of instructional time. According to your request, you are seeking to waive two (2) of the required 180 days of classroom instruction for Jefferson County Schools. You requested this waiver due to closures on August 8, 2023 as a result of a tornado that occurred on August 7, 2023. You are also requesting to waive November 29, 2023 as a result of widespread power outages throughout the county.

Pursuant to the commissioner's authority under Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-3004(a)(6)(A) to waive instructional days in the event a district experiences a natural disaster, your request is hereby granted.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

Lizzette Reynolds
Commissioner

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Subject: RE: Request for Use of Stockpile Days

From: Arnold, Tommy <tarnold@jcboe.net>
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 9:16 AM
To: Akers, Tori <takers@jcboe.net>; Commissioner of Education <Commissioner.Education@tn.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Request for Use of Stockpile Days

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From: Akers, Tori <takers@jcboe.net>
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 10:14:36 AM
To: Commissioner.Education@tn.gov <Commissioner.Education@tn.gov>
Cc: Arnold, Tommy <tarnold@jcboe.net>
Subject: Request for Use of Stockpile Days

Good morning,

We are requesting the use of two stockpile days in Jefferson County (District 450) to cover time missed due to natural disaster or dangerous structural or environmental conditions rendering a school unsafe.

We were unable to operate on 8/8/23 due to extensive storm damage left behind after a tornado on 8/7/23. Roads in the district were unpassable due to downed trees and power lines along with large amounts of other storm debris.

We are also requesting the use of a stockpile day on 11/29/23 due to widespread power outages throughout the county.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns or to request additional information.

Sincerely,

Tori Akers, MBA

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