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COMMISSIONER

April 29, 2021

***Electronic Mail***

Michael Hickman, Director of Schools  
Maury County Schools  
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Dear Mr. Hickman,

Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-3004(a) (6) In the event of a natural disaster or serious outbreaks of illness affecting or endangering students or staff during a school year, the commissioner of education may waive for that school year the requirement under subdivision (a)(1) of one hundred eighty (180) days of classroom instruction, if a request is submitted to the commissioner by the director of schools. The waiver request may be for the entire LEA or for individual schools within the LEA.

The Maury County school system closed J. R. Baker Elementary School and Battle Creek Elementary School on August 31, 2020, and Spring Hill High School on August 10, 2020 due to COVID-19 related illness and is now requesting that these instructional days be waived. Due to the COVID-19 related illness affecting and endangering students, the department is accepting this request to waive these instructional days.

Pursuant to my above referenced authority, I hereby grant a waiver to Maury County Schools for these instructional days. Please revise the calendar in EIS to indicate the change. Thank you for continuing to notify the Department of your needs related to your school calendar.

Sincerely,

Penny Schwinn, Ph.D.  
Commissioner



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April 28, 2021

From: Michael Hickman  
Superintendent  
Maury County Public Schools  
Columbia, TN 38401

To: Dr. Penny Schwinn  
Commissioner  
Tennessee Department of Education  
710 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, TN 37243

Commissioner Schwinn,

With the implementation of our Department of Education approved Continuous Learning Plan and proper use of our stockpiled days, **All** Maury County Public Schools will meet or exceed 180 instructional days by Monday, May 24, 2021.

We are asking the Department of Education to waive the necessity for one make-up day at the following school sites due to closure from Covid-19 illnesses and the exhaustion of their stockpiled days:

- J. R. Baker Elementary School – August 31, 2020
- Battle Creek Elementary – August 31, 2020
- Spring Hill High School – August 10, 2020

If the waiver is not approved, the above schools will be in session on Tuesday, May 25, 2021.

Sincerely,

Michael Hickman  
Superintendent  
Maury County Public Schools

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