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**PENNY SCHWINN**  
COMMISSIONER

May 13, 2021

***Electronic Mail***

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Dear Mr. House II,

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 Montgomery County school system has requested approval for the closure of the school system on August 11, 2020 due to COVID-19 related illness and is requesting that this instructional day be waived. Due to the COVID-19 related illness and endangering students, the department is accepting this request to waive this instructional day.

Pursuant to my above referenced authority, I hereby grant a waiver to Montgomery County Schools for this instructional day. 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



Millard L. House II  
Director of Schools

Clarksville-Montgomery County School System

May 13, 2021

Commissioner Penny Schwinn  
Tennessee Department of Education  
710 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, TN 37243

Dear Commissioner Schwinn,

I'm writing to seek Commissioner Approval to waive August 11<sup>th</sup> of the 2020-21 school calendar. On August 11<sup>th</sup> our community was being impacted by COVID-19. This would reduce our designated student days from 180 to 179. I'm seeking this approval based on TCA 49-6-3004 (e) 1 which states...Upon approval by the commissioner, the excess instructional time may be used in case of natural disaster, serious outbreaks of illness affecting or endangering students or staff or dangerous structural or environmental conditions rendering a school unsafe for use. I thank you for this consideration and look forward to your reply.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Millard L. House II', written in a cursive style.

Millard House