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**LIZZETTE REYNOLDS**  
COMMISSIONER

**Via Electronic Mail**

April 7, 2025

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Dear Director Lomax:

I have received your waiver request of Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-3004 as it pertains to the required 180 days of classroom instruction. Perry County Schools were closed on April 3-4, 2025, due to flooding and the level 3 state of emergency. You are requesting a waiver for these two days.

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 Perry County Schools have exhausted all stockpile days, the waiver request for April 3-4, 2025, is hereby granted.

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

Sincerely,

Lizzette Reynolds  
Commissioner

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## **PERRY COUNTY SCHOOLS**

**ERIC LOMAX, DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS  
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4-7-25

Dear Ms. Ballard

Perry County has used all our weather stockpile days as of February 21, 2025. We have missed 2 days over the total as of this Friday April 4, 2025, due to flooding. The Buffalo River is still over many of our roads and with Governor Lee placing Tennessee under a Level 3 State of Emergency. I am requesting a wavier for the following dates April 3, 2025 and April 4, 2025, all of these days were missed due to current flooding issues in Perry County.

Sincerely,  
Eric Lomax