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LIZZETTE REYNOLDS
COMMISSIONER

Via Electronic Mail

August 22, 2024

Bill Hall, Director of Schools
Scott County Schools
208 Court Street
Huntsville, TN 37756

Dear Director Hall:

I am in receipt of your August 20, 2024 waiver request of Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-3004(i) as it relates to remote instruction. Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-3004(i)(1) allows school districts to provide up to two (2) days each semester of the required one hundred eighty (180) days of classroom instruction via remote instruction in the event of dangerous or extreme weather conditions or of serious outbreak of illness affecting or endangering students or staff. Additionally, Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-3004(i)(7) requires school districts to make meals available to students in accordance with the school nutrition program requirements on days that remote instruction is provided.

You are requesting the use of two remote learning days, with lunch being provided on both days, on Tuesday, August 20, 2024 and Wednesday, August 21, 2024 due to an air conditioning unit at Scott High School being inoperable.

Pursuant to the commissioner's waiver authority under Tenn. Code. Ann. § 49-1-201(d)(1), your request of a waiver of Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-3004(i)(1) is hereby granted to allow the use of the aforementioned remote learning days.

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

Sincerely,

Lizzette Reynolds
Commissioner



Tennessee Department of Education – Office of The Commissioner

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Local Education Agency Waiver Request

Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 49-1-201(d), upon application by the local education agency (LEA) for one or more of its schools, the commissioner of education may waive any state board rule or statute that inhibits or hinders the LEA's ability to meet its goals or comply with its mission. Please submit completed forms to Commissioner.Education@tn.gov. Following review by the commissioner, the LEA will be notified in writing if the waiver request is approved or denied. Unless otherwise stated, all waivers granted by the commissioner shall be granted for one-year terms.

Waivers may **not** be granted by the commissioner for regulatory or statutory requirements related to:

- (A) Federal and state civil rights;
- (B) Federal, state and local health and safety;
- (C) Federal and state public records;
- (D) Immunizations;
- (E) Possession of weapons on school grounds;
- (F) Background checks and fingerprinting of personnel;
- (G) Federal and state special education services;
- (H) Student due process;
- (I) Parental rights;
- (J) Federal and state student assessment and accountability;
- (K) Open meetings;
- (L) Educators' due process rights;
- (M) Reductions in teachers' salaries;
- (N) Employee rights, salaries and benefits; and
- (O) Licensure of employees.

Local Education Agency:

Scott County Schools

School Information (if applicable):

School Name:

Scott High School

Street:

400 Scott High Drive

City:

Huntsville

Zip Code:

37756

Please list the statute(s) and/or state board rule(s) for which waiver is being requested:

49-6-3004

Explanation of how the statute(s) and/or state board rule(s) inhibits or hinders the local education agency's ability to meet its goals or comply with its mission:

For the limited purpose of providing remote learning due to our air conditioning unit being out at Scott High School

Expected duration of the condition necessitating this waiver request:

Tuesday, August 20
Wednesday, August 21

Director of Schools (Signature)

Bill Hall

Print Name

Bill Hall

Date

8-20-24