

## **Waiver Request Regarding Making Up Missed School Days**

### **Policy Reference:**

OE-10 Instructional Program

### **Background Information:**

At its March 26<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Board voted to request to the South Carolina Legislature a waiver of the make-up day for February 24, 2015, in which the District was closed due to inclement weather. Subsequent to the Board's request, the South Carolina Legislature introduced, ratified and approved an amendment addressing this matter. The amendment was signed into law by the Governor effective May 7, 2015.

S.C. Code Section 59-1-425 (B) as amended (highlighted in yellow) reads:

"(B) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, all school days missed because of snow, extreme weather conditions, or other disruptions requiring schools to close must be made up. All school districts shall designate annually at least three days within their school calendars to be used as make-up days in the event of these occurrences. If those designated days have been used or are no longer available, the local school board of trustees may lengthen the hours of school operation by no less than one hour per day for the total number of hours missed, operate schools on Saturday, or may waive up to three days. A waiver granted by the local board of trustees of the requirement for making up the three or fewer days missed only may be authorized by a majority vote of the local school board, and, after the completion of the 2014-2015 school year, may not be granted for a school in the district until the school has made up three full days, or the equivalent number of hours, missed due to snow, extreme weather, or other disruptions requiring the school to close during the same school year in which the waiver is sought. When a district waives a make-up day pursuant to this section, the make-up day also is waived for all charter schools located in the district and for all students participating in a home schooling program approved by the board of trustees of the district in which the student resides. ..."

"(C) The State Board of Education may waive the requirements of making up days beyond the three days forgiven by the local school district, not to exceed three additional days missed because of snow, extreme weather conditions, or other disruptions requiring schools to close. Such a waiver only may be considered and granted upon the request of the local board of trustees through a majority vote of that local school board. The State Department annually before July first shall provide the General Assembly with a detailed report of information from each district listing the number of:

(1) days missed and the reason, regardless of whether any were missed;

(2) days made up; and

(3) days waived."

**Purpose:**

Pursuant to S.C. Code of Laws, Section 59-1-425 (B) as amended, the Board may grant a waiver of the requirement for making up February 24, 2015. This waiver may be authorized by a majority vote of the Board.

The District seeks approval by the Horry County Board of Education to request an exemption for the missed day due to recent extreme weather conditions.

**For additional information:**

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**Recommended Action:**

I move that the Board waive, for all students and staff members, the requirement for making up February 24, 2015, the date in which the District was closed due to inclement weather.

**Estimated Project Cost:**

Not Applicable.