

# Waiver of Missed Days Due to Inclement Weather

## **Policy Reference:**

District Policies; Emergency Closings, Delays, and Early Dismissals (Page 232); and S.C. Code of Laws §59-1-425

## **Background Information:**

On May 7, 2015, Governor Haley signed a law that changed the way South Carolina public schools address days missed from school due to extreme weather conditions. The law requires school districts to make up three days, by using the three days that must be built into the school year calendar. If those dates are not viable make-up dates, other dates need to be established. Once the three days have been made up, the local board may waive up to three days. If additional days are missed, the State Board of Education may waive up to three days. Absences beyond 9 days due to inclement weather require legislative approval for waiver.

For the 2017-18 academic year, Horry County Schools designated the following three dates as possible make-up days for students: October 9, 2017, January 16, 2018, and February 19, 2018. October 9, 2017, was used as a make-up day for September 11<sup>th</sup>, when all schools were closed due to Hurricane Irma. All schools were also closed on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> as a result of an ice/snow storm. January 16, 2018, was a make-up day for January 3<sup>rd</sup>, February 19, 2018, was a make-up day for January 4<sup>th</sup>. A decision regarding the January 5, 2018, closure has not yet been made.

## **Purpose:**

To seek a waiver from the Board for one day missed on January 5, 2018, due to ice/snow.

## **For Further Information:**

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## **Recommended Action:**

Pursuant to S.C. Code of Laws §59-1-425, the Board grants a waiver for one instructional day missed as a result of inclement weather.