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Dr. Stephen Pruitt, Commissioner
Kentucky Department of Education
Office of the Commissioner of Education
300 Sower Drive
Frankfort, KY 40601

Dear Commissioner Pruitt:

The Boone County Board of Education would like to request one (1) Emergency Day for the Boone County Schools District (all schools) for March 1, 2017. 702 KAR 7:140 (4.3) allows a local Board of Education to request an Emergency Day if one or more schools in a district is forced to miss school on a specific day due to an emergency.

On Wednesday, March 1, 2017, the Boone County Schools district was unable to hold school because of an extremely violent storm that went through and impacted the entire school district. The storm resulted in downed power/electrical lines throughout the district causing several of our schools to be without power. The storm also resulted in uprooted and downed trees throughout the district that cause roads to be blocked tying up traffic for hours just as school busses were attempting to deliver children to the district's high schools and middle schools first thing in the morning. Eric McArtor, Chief Operating Officer and Deputy Superintendent, was in contact with Duke Energy in regards to the extent of the damage to transformers and powerlines, and he questioned the representatives from Duke Energy in regards to repair timelines. However, there was no guarantee from Duke Energy that power lines could be repaired in a reasonable amount of time to hold school on this day forcing most of the school district to be without electricity during the students' day. Because of this information supplied by Duke Energy, it was necessary to cancel the school day at all Boone County Schools on March 1, 2017 for the health and well-being of the students, faculty, and staff at all schools.

The Boone County Board of Education Order approving this request is included with this correspondence. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact my office.

Sincerely,

Randy Poe, Ed.D.
Superintendent