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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 Kelly Elementary School for September 15, 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 Friday, September 15, 2017, Kelly Elementary School was unable to hold school due to a power outage and a power surge which caused a spark to ignite insulation in the school. This incident resulted in a tremendous amount of smoke contained within the building. Eric McArtor, Deputy Superintendent of Operations, was in contact with Duke Energy in regards to the extent of the damage within the building, and he questioned the representatives from Duke Energy regarding repair timelines. However, there was no guarantee from Duke Energy that repairs could be completed in a reasonable amount of time to hold school on this day. Also, Mr. McArtor spoke with the Boone County Fire Chief who ordered that students and staff not enter the building until the smoke had been clear. Because of this information supplied by Duke Energy and the Boone County Fire Chief, it was necessary to cancel school at Kelly Elementary School on September 15, 2017 for the health and well-being of the students, faculty, and staff.

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
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