

## Boone County Schools

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Wayne Lewis, Commissioner Kentucky Department of Education Office of the Commissioner of Education 300 Sower Blvd. Frankfort, KY 40601

Dear Commissioner Lewis:

The Boone County Board of Education would like to request one (1) Emergency Day for Longbranch Elementary School for January 4, 2019. 702 KAR 7:140 (4.3) allows a local Board of Education to request an Emergency Day if one school in a district is forced to miss school on a specific day due to an emergency.

On Friday, January 4, 2019, Longbranch Elementary School was unable to hold school because of an internal water pipe that burst resulting in flooding within the building and the need to replace a major section of piping inside the building. Mike Poiry, Boone County Schools Assistant Superintendent of Operations, was in contact with Blau Mechanical representatives in regards to the extent of the damage to the piping, and he questioned the representatives from Blau Mechanical in regards to repair timelines. After assessing the damage, there was no guarantee from Blau Mechanical that repairs could be completed to the damaged water piping within Longbranch Elementary School in a reasonable amount of time to hold school on this day forcing the school to be without water during the students' day. Because of this information supplied by Blau Mechanical, it was necessary to cancel school at Longbranch Elementary School on January 4, 2019 for the health and well being of the students, faculty, and staff at the school.

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, Superintendent Boone County Schools