



Amy Smith, Superintendent

January 3, 2022

Dr. Jason Glass
Commissioner of Education
300 Sower Blvd, 5th Floor
Frankfort, KY 40601

Dear Commissioner,

The Hopkins County Board of Education would like to request a School Emergency Day Waiver for all Hopkins County Schools for the week of December 13-December 17, 2021 due to the tornado destruction that occurred on the evening of December 10, 2021 and the effects of the natural disaster in the days after. Allowing students to attend school during such a traumatic event while our community was involved in recovery and relief efforts was not in the best interest of our staff, families, or students as many were directly impacted. Even families who did not experience damage or total loss from the tornado were impacted by loss of water, loss of power, or boil water advisories; allowing students to attend school in these conditions without access to sanitary water would have been a health risk. Attached, you will find a copy of the local board order and an article from the local newspaper that explains the incident. We appreciate your consideration as our district continues to support our community and surrounding communities through this loss. Please let us know if you need additional information or if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

John Osborne
Hopkins County Schools, Board of Education Chairperson

Amy Smith
Hopkins County Schools, Superintendent

Enclosures