

**ENCLOSURE**  
**January 26, 2026**

**OLDHAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**CONCERN**

Request for Emergency School Day Waiver

**DISCUSSION**

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District: Oldham County Schools (465)

School : South Oldham High School (095)

Date: January 16, 2026

Reason for the closure: Failed geothermal system, resulting in no heat for the school.

Supporting information below.

This request is based on an unexpected and significant mechanical failure that has rendered the building unable to provide safe, adequate heating for students and staff.

Late last night, a hydronic line coupling failed at South Oldham High School, causing a loss of heating throughout the facility. District maintenance personnel and an outside contractor responded immediately and worked on the system until approximately 1:00 a.m. Despite these efforts, they were unable to complete repairs due to the unavailability of necessary replacement parts at that time.

Indoor air temperatures were monitored through the night and documented 15 degrees drop from 1am to 4am. Due to forecasted outdoor air temperatures, these temperatures are expected to continue to drop while repair work continues. Estimated indoor air temperatures could reasonably be expected to be below 40 degrees at school start time at 9am.

Once the local plumbing supply house opens, maintenance staff will retrieve the required components and resume repair work. Current estimates indicate that:

- Repairs will require approximately 4–5 hours to complete;
- The system will then need to be recharged and purged; and
- Heating is unlikely to be fully restored until between 2:00 and 3:00 p.m., after which the system will still need additional time to stabilize and bring indoor temperatures back to acceptable levels.

Given the prolonged loss of heat, the anticipated duration of repairs, and the resulting indoor environmental conditions, it is not feasible to safely or effectively conduct instruction at SOHS today.

These circumstances were unforeseen, outside the district's control, and constitute an emergency condition impacting student and staff safety and well-being. Accordingly, we respectfully request that this closure be recognized as an emergency and that the district be granted a waiver from requiring a make-up instructional day for this school.

We appreciate your consideration of this request and are happy to provide any additional documentation or information you may need.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Regards,

Brent M. Bohannon, AIA, LEED AP

Director of Facilities Management

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Approval of Emergency School Day Waiver for South Oldham High School on Friday, January 16, 2026.

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Carly Clem, Board Chair

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Claudette Herald, Superintendent