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May 14, 2007

Mrs. JoAnn Anshutz
Superintendent / Principal
Vader School District
107 Spencer Road.
Toledo, WA 98591

Dear Mrs. Anshutz:

I have reviewed your request for the Vader School District to receive state apportionment funds for the emergency school district closure on November 8, 9, 13, and December 15th.

On November 6th and December 15th, Governor Gregoire declared a State of Emergency Proclamation for the county your district resides in. The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction has adopted an emergency WAC regarding "reasonable effort" 392-129-105 in cases of an emergency proclamation.

In the past, school districts were required to make-up the first three days of any closure incident, and could apply for a waiver of the remaining days of the incident. With the new addition of section (3), OSPI is offering some relief to districts hit hard by this years winter storms.

(3) Where a school district resides in a county which was declared a state of emergency proclamation by the Governor due to fire, flood, explosion, storm, earthquake, epidemic, or volcanic eruption, and the emergency impacted district-wide facilities or operations, the Superintendent may consider school district applications to have met the "reasonable effort" test by providing at least the district-wide annual average total instruction hour offerings.

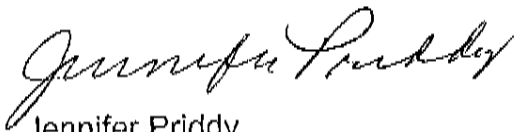
Inclement weather conditions resulting in district-wide power outages, is an unforeseen natural event and is within the eligibility criteria for emergency district closure. Your three-day make-up requirement is waived in declared emergencies. The Vader School District will receive basic education funding for the four days of district closure.

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However, requirements to provide students with the required 1,000-hour minimum for instructional hours have not been waived.

If you have any further questions regarding the Emergency WAC, please contact me at (360) 725-6111.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Priddy
Assistant Superintendent
Financial Resources

cc: Dr. Terry Bergeson, State Superintendent
Catherine Davidson, Ed.D., Chief of Staff
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Dear Mrs. Anshutz:

I have reviewed your request for the Vader School District to receive state apportionment funds for the emergency school district closure on March 14, 2007.

Unfortunately, we cannot grant your waiver request. Rules clearly require that where the closure incident is not related to a declared emergency by the Governor, at least three school days must be made up per incident, before OSPI can grant any waivers for make-up days beyond the first three.

Vader School District will need to adjust its calendar year to make-up the closure day. An additional option would be for the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction to reduce the annual allocation of state moneys by the number of days lost due to the district-wide emergency closure divided by one hundred eighty. (Per WAC 392.129.135.)

If you have any further questions, please contact me at (360) 725-6111.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Priddy".

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