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2500 North Lincoln Boulevard Suite 210
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Re: 165-Day Waiver Application for 2025-2026 School Year

Honorable Members of the State Board of Education:

I am writing this letter to request a waiver to adopt a calendar with fewer than 165 days for the 2025-2026 school year; we plan to have a school calendar with at least 157 days. Below you will find all of the data that qualifies our three sites for this waiver as well as a narrative describing the cost savings associated with operating on a calendar with fewer than 165 days. Lastly, I have attached our most recent Estimate of Needs.

2023-2024 Data

Stonewall Elementary School

- Academic Growth - B
- This site is not identified for CSI, TSI, or ATSI

McLish Middle School

- Academic Growth – B
- This site is not identified for CSI, TSI, or ATSI

Stonewall High School

- 4-Year Cohort Graduation Rate – 93.8% (State = 81%)
- Academic Achievement - C
- Post-Secondary Indicator - B
- This site is not identified for CSI, TSI, or ATSI

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Cost Saving Narrative:

Stonewall Public Schools spans 200 square miles in portions of Pontotoc, Johnston, and Coal counties. We serve students through transportation in all corners of our district creating a large transportation cost. The reduced number of calendar days saves our district a substantial amount in fuel, fleet depreciation, and repairs.

We attribute low turnover amongst our staff to a culture of stability, teacher support, and a reduced number of contract days. We employ approximately 42 certified teachers and 30 support staff. Many of our employees maintain second jobs on Fridays, thus allowing a better standard of living for their children which in turn lends to a more successful time at school.

All of these savings go directly to our students in the form of staff additions, which reduce class sizes. We are able to employ 2 teachers per grade level in Pre-K - 4th grade. Our middle school has 2 ELA teachers, 2 Math teachers, 2 Science teachers, and 1 History teacher. Maintaining these positions keeps our classes with 20 students or less in most cases. The high school serves 120 students. We are able to offer a very healthy amount of electives and AP courses for a school of our size.

Thank you for the consideration and please reach out if you have any questions or if I can provide more information.

Sincerely,

Greg Lovelis, Superintendent
Stonewall Public Schools