

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION RESOLUTION
REGARDING
THE INCLEMENT WEATHER
IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2014

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 20-2-168(c)(1) and State Board of Education Rule 160-5-1-.02 *School Day and School Year for Students and Employees* mandate that all public elementary and secondary schools in Georgia that receive state aid shall provide students with access to no less than 180 school days, or the equivalent, of education each fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, certain local boards of education closed schools during the weeks of January 27, 2014 and February 10, 2014 due to inclement weather; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education acknowledges that some school districts may be unable to recoup missed instructional time by extending the school year or school day; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education affirms that this resolution does not prevent local boards of education from rescheduling school days, specific to this resolution, that were lost due to inclement weather; and

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 20-2-168(c)(2) authorizes the State Board of Education to empower local boards of education to depart from the strict interpretation of the terms “school year” and “school day,” as defined in State Board of Education Rule 160-5-1-.02 *School Day and School Year for Students and Employees*, when the Governor proclaims a state of emergency or when there is an emergency that causes the continued operation of public schools to be impractical or impossible; and

WHEREAS, certain local boards of education closed schools on January 28, 2014 due to an emergency that demanded immediate action; and

WHEREAS, due to inclement weather the Honorable Nathan Deal, Governor of the State of Georgia, declared a state of emergency for the entire state of Georgia on Tuesday, January 28, 2014 at 5:15 p.m. and extended said declaration until midnight Sunday, February 2, 2014; and

WHEREAS, due to inclement weather the Honorable Nathan Deal, Governor of the State of Georgia, declared a state of emergency for selected counties in the state of Georgia beginning Monday, February 10, 2014 until midnight Sunday, February 16, 2014.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as it relates to the emergency and the state of emergency declaration, that the State Board of Education is authorizing any local board of education that closed schools on some or all of the days January 28-31, 2014 or on some or all of the days February 10-14, 2014 due to inclement weather to depart from O.C.G.A. § 20-2-168(c)(1) and State Board of Education Rule 160-5-1-.02 *School Day and School Year for Students and Employees* if it submits to the Georgia Department of Education an amended school calendar that was approved by the local board of education.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have set our hands and caused the Georgia State Board of Education Seal to be affixed this 20th day of February, 2014.