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Superintendent Taw Lindsey
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Superintendent Lindsey,

This letter responds to the request dated October 14, 2026, to waive the provisions of AS 14.03.030, which require a school term to include at least 180 total days in session and 170 student days.

Due to a water leak in the school resulting in a system-wide water shutdown mid-morning, students and staff were sent home until the leak was repaired. An emergency closure day can be substituted for one day in session through this waiver.

Please submit an amended calendar reflecting these date and time adjustments in the online calendaring system. Brendan Verbrugge is available to assist you at brendan.verbrugge@alaska.gov if needed.

If the Department can support your efforts in any other way, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Dr. Deena Bishop
Commissioner

Cc: Brendan Verbrugge, Research Analyst