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Chris Reitan, Superintendent  
Craig City School District  
P. O. Box 800  
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Dear Superintendent Reitan:

This letter is in response to the Craig City School District's request dated November 27, 2023, to waive the provisions in AS 14.03.030 that a school term include at least 170 student days and 180 total days in session. The district is requesting to modify the school calendar due severe weather causing unsafe roads. The school closure occurred on November 21, 2023. The district is requesting to approve an emergency closure day be substituted for a day in session.

The calendar waiver request is approved. The closure was necessary to ensure the health and safety of students.

If there is any other way the Department can offer support, please let us know. Brendan Verbrugge (Brendan.verbrugge@alaska.gov) is available to assist if needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Heidi Teshner".

Heidi Teshner  
Deputy Commissioner

cc: Brendan Verbrugge, Research Analyst