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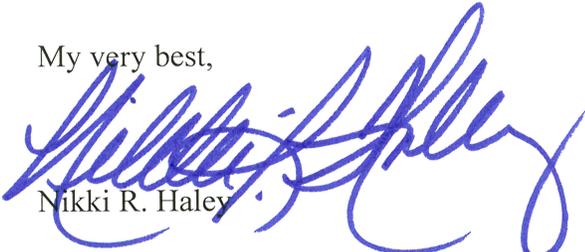
The Honorable Christopher J. Murphy  
310A Blatt Building  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Representative Murphy,

Today I signed into law R204, H.5253, a Joint Resolution that forgives days missed due to inclement weather in several school districts across the state. This legislation, requested by districts and their legislative delegations, was introduced because districts engaged in an unacceptable practice of scheduling inclement make-up days after the end of the school year, making them of little academic use to students. With some reservation, I signed this resolution because requiring attendance from students who ultimately receive little instructional value from these make-up days is not a productive use of student or teacher time.

My signature on this resolution should not be construed as supporting the irresponsible practices of school districts, practices that choose expedient technical compliance with state law over preserving instructional time to the benefit of their students. Rather, I signed this resolution after Senators Courson, Hayes, and Bennett committed to addressing this issue with legislation that would require districts to meaningfully schedule these days throughout the year. I thank them for their leadership and look forward to working with them on this and other efforts to maximize the amount and effectiveness of instructional time in our schools. God bless.

My very best,



Nikki R. Haley

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