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Department of Education

Ann Lebo, Director

Kim Reynolds, Governor
Adam Gregg, Lt. Governor

Via Electronic Mail Only

September 10, 2020

Matt Degner
Interim Superintendent
Iowa City Community School District

Dear Superintendent Degner:

Thank you for your request for permission to provide primarily remote or continuous learning, dated September 9, 2020.

Governor Reynolds's proclamation of disaster emergency, most recently renewed on August 21, 2020, allows the Department of Education to approve instruction through primarily remote learning, "in consultation with the Iowa Department of Public Health," based on "public health conditions in the building or district." The guidance on selecting the appropriate Return-to-Learn model released July 30, 2020, was established in consultation with the Iowa Department of Public Health. On August 26, 2020, the Department of Education granted your request, based on a fourteen-day positivity rate of 13.9 percent and rising, for a period of two weeks from the currently scheduled first day of school. Your district is renewing your request based on a fourteen-day positivity rate of 20.4 for Johnson County. Further, our consultation with the Iowa Department of Public Health leads us to conclude that it is appropriate to grant your district's renewed request. For these reasons, your request is **GRANTED** for a two-week period beginning on the school day after your present permission expires.

In light of this determination, the Department expects that your district will temporarily cease in-person extracurricular activities for the duration of the two-week period, and this approval is conditioned upon satisfying that expectation. Extracurricular activities may continue on an online or virtual basis.

Please let me know if I can answer any additional questions or if I can provide assistance as you proceed with your future plans.

Sincerely,

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

Dr. Ann Lebo
Director

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