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## Department of Education

Ann Lebo, Director

Kim Reynolds, Governor  
Adam Gregg, Lt. Governor

*Via Electronic Mail Only*

September 27, 2020

Dave Gute  
Superintendent  
Fremont-Mills Community School District

Dear Superintendent Gute:

Thank you for your request for permission to provide primarily remote or continuous learning for Fremont-Mills Community School District, dated September 25, 2020.

Governor Reynolds's proclamation of disaster emergency, most recently renewed on September 18, 2020, allows the Iowa Department of Education ("Department") 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. As of September 25, 2020, the fourteen-day positivity rate in Fremont County is 17.7 percent, and in Mills County is 6.4 percent. As for absenteeism rates, 6 percent of your secondary students have tested positive, and a total of 52 percent of secondary students in quarantine. We are mindful of the fact that you are a single-building district with a shared elementary school and secondary school space. After consultation with the Iowa Department of Public Health and considering the facts as a whole, the Department GRANTS your request for Fremont-Mills Community School District for the period requested: September 28, 2020, to October 9, 2020.

In light of this determination, the Department expects that your district will temporarily cease in-person extracurricular activities for the duration of the period requested, 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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