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Department of Education

Ann Lebo, Director

Kim Reynolds, Governor
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Via Electronic Mail Only

October 2, 2020

Mike Wells
Superintendent
Hamburg Community School District

Dear Dr. Wells:

Thank you for your request for permission to provide primarily remote or continuous learning for Hamburg Community School District, dated October 2, 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 ("IDPH"). As of October 2, 2020, the fourteen-day positivity rate in Fremont County is 17.6 percent. As for absenteeism rates, you report that 32 of 115 students in your district were absent. We are mindful of the fact that you are a single-building district with a shared elementary school and middle school space. We are also mindful of the fact that Hamburg's high school students attend another district under a whole grade sharing agreement. *See Iowa Code § 282.10(2)*. After consultation with IDPH and considering the facts as a whole, the Department GRANTS your request for Hamburg Community School District for the period requested: October 5, 2020, to October 16, 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 for the grades that your district operates, 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 black ink, appearing to read "A. Lebo".

Dr. Ann Lebo
Director

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