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Department of Education

Ann Lebo, Director

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Via Electronic Mail Only

September 25, 2020

Shane Ehresman
Superintendent
Lynnville-Sully Community School District

Dear Superintendent Ehresman:

Thank you for your request for permission to provide primarily remote or continuous learning for Lynnville-Sully High School, dated September 23, 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 24, 2020, the fourteen-day positivity rate in Jasper County is 11.3 percent, in Mahaska County is 12.0 percent, and in Poweshiek County is 7.4 percent. Your request states that the absenteeism rate for Lynnville-Sully High School was 12.7 percent, with an additional 45 percent of high school students in quarantine. While the positivity rate does not meet or exceed the positivity guidelines contained in Department guidance, other factors, including absenteeism, counsel in favor of granting this request. After consultation with the Iowa Department of Public Health and considering the facts as a whole, the Department GRANTS your request for Lynnville-Sully High School for the period requested: September 24, 2020, to October 2, 2020.

In light of this determination, the Department expects that your district will temporarily cease in-person extracurricular activities for Lynnville-Sully High School 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 that reads "A. Lebo".

Dr. Ann Lebo
Director

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