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## Department of Education

Ann Lebo, Director

Kim Reynolds, Governor  
Adam Gregg, Lt. Governor

*Via Electronic Mail Only*

September 18, 2020

Joe Erickson  
Superintendent  
North Iowa Community School District

Dear Superintendent Erickson:

Thank you for your request for permission to provide primarily remote or continuous learning, dated September 18, 2020.

Governor Reynolds's proclamation of disaster emergency, most recently renewed on September 18, 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. Your district is requesting primarily remote learning based on a fourteen-day positivity rate of 17 percent in Winnebago County, which is 18.8 percent as of the writing of this letter. You further report an absenteeism rate of 8.89 percent. 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 from September 21, 2020, to October 2, 2020.

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 that reads "A. Lebo".

Dr. Ann Lebo  
Director

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