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Department of Education

Ann Lebo, Director

Kim Reynolds, Governor
Adam Gregg, Lt. Governor

Via Electronic Mail Only

December 7, 2020

Patrick Coen, Superintendent
Burlington Community School District

Dear Superintendent Coen:

Thank you for your request for permission to provide primarily remote or continuous learning for the Burlington Community School District, dated December 4, 2020.

Governor Reynolds's proclamation of disaster emergency, most recently renewed on November 10, 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. We have reviewed the facts in your application in light of this guidance. Additionally, neither the Department nor the Iowa Department of Public Health know of any facts that would suggest primarily remote learning is not reasonable.

After consultation with the Iowa Department of Public Health and considering the facts as a whole, the Department GRANTS your request to provide primarily remote or continuous learning beginning on December 7, 2020.

Primarily remote or continuous learning may be provided for up to 14 calendar days between December 7, 2020 and December 21, 2020. You may stop providing primarily remote or continuous learning at any time during this period.

The Department expects in-person extracurricular activities to cease during the entire time period that students are receiving 100% remote learning within the approved 14 calendar day window. 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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