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Department of Education

Ann Lebo, Director

Kim Reynolds, Governor
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Via Electronic Mail Only

November 10, 2020

Thomas Ahart, Superintendent
Des Moines Independent Community School District

Dear Superintendent Ahart:

Thank you for your request for permission to provide primarily remote or continuous learning for the Des Moines Independent Community School District, dated November 9, 2020.

Governor Reynolds's proclamation of disaster emergency, most recently renewed on October 16, 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. The Department has reviewed your application in light of the relevant 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 for the reasons stated in your application, the Department GRANTS your request for the period requested: November 16, 2020, to November 30, 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 that reads "A. Lebo".

Dr. Ann Lebo
Director

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