August 20, 2020

Dr. Noemi Doohan, Public Health Officer
Mendocino County
747 South State Street
Ukiah, CA 95482

Re: Mendocino County Schools

Dr. Doohan:

On August 17, 2020, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) notified the County of Mendocino that it was being placed on the County Data Monitoring (CDM) list with retroactive application to July 25, 2020. We acknowledge that you have proactively issued local health officer orders responding to public health conditions in your community prior to the CDM list update on 8/17/2020.

In accordance with CDPH’s July 17, 2020, Reopening In-Person Learning Framework limiting in-person instruction at schools operating in a county on the State’s Monitoring List due to high rates of COVID-19, Mendocino County is required to close schools that resumed in-person instruction after July 25, 2020. However, pursuant to the Framework, school districts and schools may submit a request for waiver for in-person instruction in K-6th grades to you as the Local Health Officer (LHO). Due to exceptional circumstances, a brief grace period of three business days may be provided to schools, while they submit, and you consider, waiver applications, provided that previously approved safety plans are observed.

Thank you for your critical partnership at this time. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Tara Zimonjic at K6waiver@cdph.ca.gov and they will be able to assist you.

Sincerely,

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Acting State Health Officer