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SCHOOL LEADERS ASK LOCAL BUSINESSES TO BE FLEXIBLE AS STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL WITH LIMITED BUSING

WATERLOO –As part of this morning’s Grow Cedar Valley Town Hall, local school superintendents from Cedar Falls, Cedar Valley Catholic and Waterloo school districts asked business leaders to consider being flexible in the short term when it comes to transportation as students return to in-person instruction.

Limited bus seats from a health and safety standpoint mean fewer spots available for riders that qualify to be bused to and from school. The superintendents would like local businesses to consider allowing employees to have flexibility when it comes to being able to transport their child(ren) to and from school.

“Recent announcements illustrate the significance of continued high-quality education in Iowa and the Cedar Valley. Businesses, organizations and community members will need to be flexible and move forward with grace regarding transportation and employee schedules. We are encouraged that the education systems in Black Hawk County are working together to best provide for their students and families, and we ask that businesses and organizations do the same,” said Cary Darrah, Grow Cedar Valley President & CEO.

Each school district will ask willing parents to sign up in the coming weeks to provide the transportation, thereby ensuring buses can still run with a restricted number of riders. Health

guidelines have cut the number of riders nearly in half on school buses in order for them to operate with safe distancing.

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