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July LEAP Academy cancelled

As we have watched the confirmed cases of COVID-19 rise quickly in our community over the past week, we realize the best decision at this time is to cancel our plans for the July LEAP Academy. Other plans for the coming month are being evaluated.

The LEAP Academy was designed to bring a limited number of students back to school for face-to-face instruction with teachers – about 50 students per campus at 15 schools. The students identified ranged from Pre-K to 12th grade. The LEAP Academy would have given them extra support to help prepare them for the new school year. However, keeping the health and safety of our students and staff at the forefront, District officials are canceling those plans and focusing on designing a safe return to school in August. We want to thank our campus leaders, principal supervisors, curriculum & instruction team, and others who worked very hard to create this summer experience. We are disappointed to have to cancel, but it is the right thing to do.

Our Curriculum & Instruction Department will continue to host students for Special Education, Dyslexia and Gifted/Talented testing. Those assessments are done with one student at a time and with all safety precautions in place.

High school athletes and band members will continue their summer workouts and practices under the guidance of the University Interscholastic League (UIL). All teams and programs are adhering to the required steps for safety, and procedures are continually evaluated for their effectiveness.

Other late-July events such as the District’s Leadership University and in-person registration for new students are still scheduled but may be altered depending on the severity of the novel coronavirus in our community over the coming weeks.

We urge all of our ECISD staff and our entire community to be safe – wash your hands often, wear a face covering in public settings, and practice social distancing. These simple behaviors will help keep you, your family and all of us healthy.

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