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ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FL SCHOOL DISTRICT REINSTITUTES COVID-19 PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES

In an attempt to mitigate the recent uptick in positive COVID-19 cases in our community, the Escambia County School District will take the following measures, effective immediately:

- Cancel Open House events for all schools.
- Suspend visitor access for volunteers and mentors.
- Suspend large student assemblies and events during the school day.
- Suspend field trips. Exceptions are permitted for trips involving competitions and performances.
- Encourage social distancing, where feasible.
- Encourage frequent hand washing and the use of hand sanitizer.
- Continue specialized cleaning techniques and sanitizing classrooms and common areas in schools.

Superintendent Tim Smith notes, "We were set for students to participate in field trips and for volunteers to return, but COVID-19 case numbers have continued to increase since the first day of school. These safety measures are being implemented with the intent of protecting students and employees."

The continued need for these measures will be revisited at the end of the grading quarter in early October. The Escambia County School District will continue to work closely with the Department of Health to monitor actions and best practices related to COVID-19.

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