Extracurricular programming to resume Aug. 19 at HIDOE schools

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The start date aligns with the Department's directive to schools to focus the first two weeks of the new school year on three priorities: assessing student learning needs; testing and adjusting school safety protocols; and conducting employee training and preparing for classroom and virtual instruction.

"We recognize the importance of extracurricular activities when it comes to the overall educational experience of our students. Given the current global health crisis, we are taking steps to ensure the safety of our students and staff while trying to balance a whole-child approach to learning that these programs provide," Superintendent Dr. Christina Kishimoto said. "We will continue to work closely with medical and health officials to evaluate our processes and procedures as this pandemic evolves."

Extracurricular and co-curricular activities include, but are not limited to, athletics, band, academic competitions and clubs. Specific examples include:

- Fall sports: football, cheerleading, cross country, air rifle, girls volleyball, and bowling
- Speech and debate team in-person meetings
- Marching band practice
- Drama club rehearsals
- Staff professional development

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