

# DISTRICT NEWS RELEASE

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# Statement Regarding Lehman High School Baseball Program

In partnership with the Hays County Sheriff's Office, members of the Hays CISD district and campus administration have, this week, been investigating reports of a potentially serious pattern of bullying involving some varsity and junior varsity members of the Lehman High School baseball program. Parents first brought their concerns to the attention of the campus administration and the campus-based school resource officer (SRO) on Tuesday.

Because some of the alleged activity may rise beyond a school disciplinary matter and constitute criminal activity, the Hays County Sheriff's Office will now serve as the point-agency regarding any media or public questions during the pending criminal investigation.

Hays CISD has suspended 10 students and one staff member in connection with the investigation. Parents of the suspended students have been notified, and the campus and district leaders will meet with parents of the other baseball players as soon as possible.

This week's baseball games will likely be forfeited, and a decision regarding the remaining two weeks of the season is pending.

"Bullying of any kind is intolerable. It goes against everything we are about at Lehman High School and in Hays CISD. Our school district family protects and nurtures each other. We establish high expectations for ourselves - our staff and our students - because that is our character. Let our swift action on this case demonstrate that we will not allow bullying and that those who test that demand will meet with swift and serious consequences," said Superintendent Dr. Eric Wright.

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