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SUBJECT: Fall 2020 Enrollment Update

INFORMATION UPDATE

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Given the unprecedented nature of COVID-19 and its potential impacts on student matriculation, campus operations, and education delivery, THEC has expanded our data collection and reporting to assess near-term enrollment patterns across higher education institutions in Tennessee.

Each fall, THEC collects aggregate 14th day enrollment figures from the community colleges and universities. For fall 2020, headcount is down 3.7% and full-time equivalent enrollment is down 3.3% across all institutions. Community college headcount is down 10.3%, while university undergraduate headcount holds relatively flat over census enrollment from fall 2019. Graduate student enrollment is up across the majority of universities.

THEC has also collected 14th day student-level records. THEC staff will present a detailed look at who enrolled and who remains enrolled in higher education in Tennessee. In addition to demographic data, this update will review transfer patterns across public higher education and enrollment intensity among students enrolled in fall 2020 as compared to fall 2019. THEC staff will continue to evaluate student level data throughout the coming weeks culminating in a brief report on the early enrollment indicators for fall 2020.