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HMC-1 Commits to Transparency as State Audit Begins

KANSAS CITY, MO (Aug. 21, 2025) — The Hickman Mills C-1 School District has been formally notified that the Missouri State Auditor’s Office will conduct a full audit of the district.

“The Hickman Mills C-1 School District is fully cooperating with the state auditor’s office and has begun the process of our own internal review,” Interim Superintendent Dr. Dennis L. Carpenter said. “Our leadership is committed to transparency and fiscal responsibility.”

Carpenter, who returned to HMC-1 in the interim position on Aug. 4, emphasized that the district is taking swift action to restore trust.

The district’s plan includes:

- Cooperating fully with the State Auditor’s Office.
- Launching an internal forensic review.
- Providing regular updates to staff, families, and the community.
- Hosting town hall meetings to ensure community voices are heard.

“For too long, power in this district was concentrated in the hands of a few people, and these are the results,” Carpenter said. “I’m saddened because the decisions of adults are negatively impacting students. I’m also energized and committed to bringing the entire HMC One team back into the decision-making process.”

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