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Historic Academy of Richmond County to open renovated building Sept. 22

(AUGUSTA, GEORGIA) – The Academy of Richmond County (ARC), one of the oldest public high schools in the South, will welcome students back into its newly renovated building on Monday, Sept. 22, marking the start of a new era for the historic school.

“We are excited to welcome students, staff and families into a modernized Academy of Richmond County that reflects our district’s commitment to providing safe and engaging learning environments,” said Dr. Travis Wiggins, principal of ARC. “This renovation marks a new chapter in our school’s long history, and we look forward to celebrating it with our community.”

ARC will observe several changes to their normal schedule to allow time for staff to transition into their new classrooms:

- Wednesday, Sept. 17: Students will bring their district-issued devices home at the end of the day.
- Thursday, Sept. 18. - Friday, Sept. 19: Students will learn from home.
- Monday, Sept. 22: The first day of instruction in the renovated building will take place.
- Friday, Oct. 10: The school will host a homecoming celebration and community open house from noon to 3 p.m.

The \$40 million project included two years of planning and two years of construction and was completed under budget. The interior of the building was fully rebuilt from the first through third floors, adding modern classrooms, collaborative learning spaces and safety upgrades. The exterior, originally constructed on Walton Way in 1926, was carefully preserved to maintain the Academy of Richmond County’s historic appearance.

Student schedules and teacher assignments will not change, and doors will open at the regular start time. Dates are subject to change, and families will be notified immediately if adjustments are necessary. All other Richmond County schools will follow a regular schedule.

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Photos courtesy of the Richmond County School System.

Media Note: Media are invited to attend the community open house on Friday, Oct. 10.

WHO: Dr. Travis Wiggins, principal, will be available for interviews.

WHEN: Friday, October 10, starting at noon.

WHERE: 910 Russell St., Augusta, GA 30904

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