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**Statement from Richmond County School System Regarding Staff Charges**

(AUGUSTA, GEORGIA) – The Richmond County School System has been made aware of pending charges against Derrias Priestley. Once allegations were made against the administrator, the School System moved immediately to initiate a formal investigation. The individual remains on administrative leave with pay for an indeterminate amount of time as we complete the internal investigation. In accordance with policy, the School System will fully cooperate with the relevant authorities, as appropriate. The School System remains committed to maintaining a safe and supportive educational environment for its students and staff.

Because the investigation involves a personnel matter, the School System is unable to provide any additional information at this time. Thank you for your understanding.

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*Media Note: Records requests related to this matter may be submitted through the [Richmond County School System's Open Records](#) portal. Requests will be processed in accordance with the Georgia Open Records Act.*