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Statement Regarding Murphey Middle School Personnel Matter at the Richmond County School System

(AUGUSTA, GEORGIA) – The Richmond County School System (RCSS) is confirming that a Murphey Middle School teacher within the district was arrested last week on charges of cruelty to children and obstruction of a law enforcement officer. While the school system cannot provide specific details regarding an active investigation, we can confirm that these charges stem from an incident in which the individual was attempting to break up a physical fight. The obstruction charge is related to his alleged interference with a school system officer who was responding to the scene.

The individual has been placed on administrative leave pending the outcome of the investigation, in accordance with RCSS personnel policy. The safety and security of our students remains our primary concern, and the district is cooperating fully with law enforcement throughout this process. As this is a personnel matter, there is no further information available at this time.

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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.