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Statement from Richmond County School System on Pedestrian Safety

(AUGUSTA, GEORGIA) – The Richmond County School System (RCSS) is aware of multiple incidents reported this week in the communities surrounding Murphey Middle School involving individuals approaching students along walking routes in the Olive Road area. On Tuesday, a Murphey Middle School student was approached by an adult who asked inappropriate questions while the student was walking to school along Olive Road. The Richmond County Sheriff's Office responded immediately, and the student was safely transported to school.

"Our responsibility for our students' safety begins the moment they step out their front door and does not end until they are safely back home," said RCSS Police Chief Mantrell Wilson. "We are working with local law enforcement to add a constant layer of security, and we will pursue the full prosecution of anyone who threatens the peace and safety of our students."

RCSS Police are working closely with local law enforcement to monitor the area and provide additional support both on campus and along student walking routes. Out of an abundance of caution, there will be an increased law enforcement presence during arrival and dismissal times.

The Richmond County School System remains committed to maintaining a safe and supportive educational environment for its students and staff. We encourage students who walk to and from school to remain aware of their surroundings, travel in groups when possible, and report any concerning behavior to a trusted adult or law enforcement immediately.

Anyone who observes suspicious activity is encouraged to contact local law enforcement or report concerns through the RCSS Safety Tip Line at (706) 828-1077.

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