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**Statement from Richmond County School System Regarding Hephzibah
Comprehensive High School**

(AUGUSTA, GEORGIA) – The Richmond County School System has been made aware of an incident that took place this morning. During regular check-in, Hephzibah Comprehensive High School's weapons detection system alerted staff to a potential weapon. Security staff immediately responded and found a gun in a student's bookbag. The situation was handled promptly, and the school day continued without disruption. At no point were any students or staff believed to be in any danger. This incident was addressed by administrators and Richmond County School System (RCSS) Police in accordance with our Code of Student Conduct and Discipline.

The School System remains committed to maintaining a safe and supportive educational environment for its students and staff.

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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.