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Richmond County School System Announces Actions Following Georgia POST Review

(AUGUSTA, GEORGIA) – The Richmond County School System has taken action following a review of findings and recommendations from the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Council involving members of the Richmond County School System (RCSS) Police Department.

The school system terminated the employment of five school resource officers after being notified that POST recommended revocation of their peace officer certifications: Anthony Dubois Sr., Wallace Lebrane, Kara Lundy, Jacquez Williams, and Nathan Mercer.

"Families, employees and our community place significant trust in the officers who serve our schools, and we take that responsibility seriously," said Superintendent Dr. Malinda Cobb. "When concerns are brought to our attention, we have a responsibility to review the facts and take appropriate action. In addition to the actions announced today, we will provide clear guidance and expectations to the department moving forward to reinforce accountability, professionalism and the public's trust in the Richmond County School System."

The employment decisions are separate from the POST certification process and were made following the school system's internal investigation of the matter and in accordance with school system policy and applicable law.

The school system also took personnel action involving Officer Tijuana Jones. Jones, whose POST certification was not recommended for revocation, will remain employed with the RCSS Police Department and will be subject to a 24-month probationary period and completion of an ethics course per guidelines from the Georgia POST.

The Richmond County School System cooperated with the POST review and has reviewed the findings and recommendations involving its employees. The school system remains committed to maintaining high standards of professionalism, accountability and public trust within the Richmond County School System Police Department.

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