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Dear Richmond County School System Families,

Please allow us to bring to your attention current national social media trends that challenge students across the country to engage in different activities each month to obtain “likes” and attention. Unfortunately, plans to carry out these trends and others have reached our community. Students who participate in these challenges, fights, threats, as well as recording and distributing images of such incidents, create significant distractions in the learning environment. These activities include damaging, stealing, or vandalizing school property, aggression, and improper touching of persons.

We plan to be proactive and seek your assistance in educating your student(s) about the risks involved in such activities and urge them to avoid participating in these challenges. Please have a conversation with your student(s), monitor their social media activity, and check their belongings. If you find videos of inappropriate acts or find unusual items in their belongings, please contact the School System immediately or contact our TipLine at 706-828-1077. We appreciate you helping us reinforce appropriate school behavior and good decision-making.

Our teachers and administrators work diligently to provide the high-quality education you should expect from our School System. We are committed to providing a safe and secure learning environment for all our students. Please help us ensure that these actions do not occur in our schools so our students and staff are safe and can stay focused on student success.

The School System will not tolerate these and other disruptions. Any student caught participating in these activities will receive consequences based on the Richmond County Board of Education Code of Student Conduct and Discipline. They will be required to pay for all related damages to property and may be charged using applicable state law. Participating students also risk being removed from athletics and extra-curricular activities.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement. If you have any questions, please contact your child’s school.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kenneth Bradshaw  
Superintendent of Schools  
Richmond County School System