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Dear Richmond County School System Families,

We value your partnership to help keep our schools safe and our classrooms focused on teaching and learning and free of disruptions. Unfortunately, violence and activity in the community is disrupting our schools. The majority of our students come to school focused on learning. The actions of students who choose to make school a meeting place to fight, bully others, and settle community disagreements will be met with heavy consequences. School is a place for teaching and learning, and we are fully committed to protect the opportunities that education provides.

Weapons have no place in our schools or on our campuses. Please remind your child that it is against the law (O.C.G.A. 16-11-127.1) to carry a weapon on school property and at school functions. The law defines a weapon as

“any pistol, revolver, or any weapon designed or intended to propel a missile of any kind, or any dirk, bowie knife, switchblade knife, ballistic knife, any other knife having a blade of two or more inches, straight-edge razor, razor blade, spring stick, knuckles, whether made from metal, thermoplastic, wood, or other similar material, blackjack, any bat, club, or other bludgeon-type weapon, or any flailing instrument consisting of two or more rigid parts connected in such a manner as to allow them to swing freely, which may be known as a nun chahka, nun chuck, nunchaku, shuriken, or fighting chain, or any disc, of whatever configuration, having at least two points or pointed blades which is designed to be thrown or propelled and which may be known as a throwing star or oriental dart, or any weapon of like kind, and any stun gun or taser as defined in subsection (a) of Code Section 16-11-106.”

Any student caught bullying, participating in disruptive activities, or with weapons will receive consequences based on the Richmond County Board of Education Code of Student Conduct and Discipline and applicable state law. Students also risk being removed from all extra-curricular activities and athletic events.

Please have a conversation with your student, monitor their activity, and check their belongings. If you find weapons or your student provides information about bullying or inappropriate activity, please contact the school immediately or contact our 24/7 TipLine at 706-828-1077.

Our teachers and administrators are working hard to provide the high-quality education you should expect from our school system. We will provide a safe, secure learning environment for all our students. Help us by ensuring that your child comes to school focused on their learning. Thank you for your continued support and involvement.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kenneth Bradshaw
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Richmond County School System