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Richmond County School System Receives $10,000 Grant for Summer School and Virtual Tutoring

(AUGUSTA, GEORGIA) The Richmond County School System (RCSS) received a $10,000 COVID-19 Response Fund grant from The Georgia Foundation for Public Education (GFPE) and the Innovation Fund Foundation (IFF)—the philanthropic arms of the Georgia Department of Education and the Governor's Office of Student Achievement. The funding will provide supplemental tutoring services to students attending virtual summer school.

"It is exciting to offer online tutoring to support our first virtual summer school students. During the coronavirus related school closures, parents shared their experiences about the challenges of distance learning," said Malinda Cobb, Associate Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction and Technology. "We identified a resource to assist all of our summer school students and parents and have certified, online tutors available 24 hours a day, seven days a week."

GFPE and IFF—awarded a total of $100,000 for at-risk districts and schools to help mitigate the long-term impacts of the pandemic.

"The selected schools and districts have comprehensive, creative plans to mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on their students," GFPE Executive Director Paige Pushkin said. "I congratulate them on their successful applications and look forward to the implementation of their work.

"These programs go beyond education – we feel confident that they will address the consequences of the pandemic in schools, but also in the community," IFF Executive Director Jaclyn Colona said. "The selected schools and districts will use this small investment to make a potentially long-term impact on the lives of students, families, faculty, and the community.

For additional information about RCSS virtual summer school, students and parents can contact their high school guidance counselor or visit rcboe.org/summerschool.

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