



**Superintendent
Josh Ingle**

October 30, 2026

Subject: An Update to Our School Community

Dear Families and Staff,

This week's events have been deeply troubling. Let me be clear: Our students' safety and well-being are our highest priorities. Any conduct that exploits, harms, or violates the trust placed in an educator is unacceptable and directly opposes the values of our school district.

Following today's action by the Dade County Board of Education, the Board has accepted the resignation of the former principal of Dade County High School. This matter has been referred not only to the Department of Family and Children's Services, but also to the Georgia Professional Standards Commission, which issues educator licenses. State law requires the GPSC referral.

Mr. Vic Grider will serve as the point of contact for Dade County High School. He along with Mrs. Chastity Steadman will provide leadership and support for our students, faculty, and families as the school moves forward.

We encourage anyone with information relevant to the investigation to contact the Dade County Sheriff's Office. If you see something or know something that could help investigators, please report it. Do not assume someone else has already shared the information.

I want to thank the Dade County Sheriff's Office and the other law enforcement agencies involved for their professionalism and partnership. Our district will continue to cooperate fully as the investigation proceeds.

Dade County Schools has a proud tradition rooted in character, and we have a responsibility to uphold the trust our families place in us. That means providing safe, supportive schools, strong leadership, and an environment where students can focus on learning. Our commitment to that responsibility is unwavering.
Sincerely,

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Josh Ingle, Superintendent
Dade County School District