

Statement from Dr. Garrett, Superintendent of Rocky Mount Prep

Earlier [today](#) about 25 Rocky Mount Prep scholars participated in a walk-out. The school was aware and supported by local law enforcement to ensure the safety of everyone. We are grateful the walkout occurred without incident. School administration was made aware of the walkout by members of the school community. In an effort to address scholar concerns, administrators and grade level teams met with scholars and invited them to an opportunity to share any concerns they may have earlier in the school day in support of reaching a resolution prior to the walkout. In speaking with the press, scholars expressed concern with the staffing shortage. We are working diligently to fill all vacant positions. Scholars also expressed concerns about relationships with teachers and staff.

We were able to gather some feedback from the scholars during our session prior to the walk-out. We continue to welcome scholars and families to reach out to their Directors, Deans, and our entire team to support any concerns, ideas, or desires that they may have for Rocky Mount Prep.

Our scholars' and our families' voices matter to us. We take the concerns of our scholars and our families very seriously. In the coming weeks, families will be invited to meet with administrators to provide feedback and share ideas about what they would like to see at Rocky Mount Prep.

We appreciate your feedback and support as we continue to navigate the staffing challenges and work to provide a quality education for our scholars. We look forward to our continued partnership.

Statement from the Board of Directors for Rocky Mount Prep.

The Board is aware of the 25-student protest at the school earlier [today](#) and of issues raised. We regret the disruption caused, even though the staff offered to meet and listen to their concerns. We support the free expression of ideas and concerns, within the parameters of the student handbook. At the same time, the Board stands fully behind Dr. Garrett and her leadership of the school.