

Statement: PGCPs Statement on Central HS Incident

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Prince George's County Public Schools officials are aware of last week's incident at Central High School. We are working with school administrators to maintain a school environment that respects others' cultural differences and addresses any safety concerns.

Principal Keishia Wallace called students' homes this afternoon and sent an electronic message to families that addresses the incident and next steps. Appropriate disciplinary action will be taken according to our Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook.

Additional school staff has been assigned to the cafeteria during lunch periods. School staff will be working in partnership with the PGCPs Diversity Office to maintain a positive school climate. The principal is also creating a student advisory team comprised of diverse voices. A letter will be sent home with all students tomorrow emphasizing this message.

We are focused now on alleviating student and parent concerns. Every effort will be made to keep students safe and support a welcoming learning environment for all students.

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Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPs), one of the nation's 20th largest school districts, has 201 schools and centers, more than 133,000 students and nearly 20,000 employees. The school system serves a diverse student population from urban, suburban and rural communities located in the Washington, DC suburbs. PGCPs is nationally recognized for college and career-readiness programs that provide students with unique learning opportunities, including dual enrollment and language immersion.