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**Dr. David Hall**

Assistant Superintendent of High School Administrative Services  
The Richmond County School System  
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**[THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE WAS SHARED WITH FAMILIES VIA EMAIL]**

Dear parents and guardians,

I am writing to inform you of an important change in our school leadership. The principal – Dr. Derrias Priestley is currently on leave for an undetermined amount of time. We are grateful for his dedication and contributions to our school community. To ensure continuity of leadership and daily operations, Melisa Clark will serve as your substitute principal effective immediately. The school will continue to operate normally, and our focus remains on maintaining a safe, supportive, and stable learning environment for our students and staff.

We understand that a sudden change in administration can be stressful for some of our students. Counseling services will be available on campus for any students or staff who may need additional support during this time.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to email our office directly at [rcboe.org/highschoolarea](http://rcboe.org/highschoolarea). We will continue to share updates as appropriate as this process allows. Thank you for your continued partnership and trust.

Sincerely,

Dr. David Hall  
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*To prepare every student to thrive, adapt, and lead in an ever-changing world.*