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Greetings Staff:

Due to some misleading media coverage, administration would like to inform the Hickman Mills C-1 community and provide facts about the incident that occurred yesterday around 12:00 pm at Ruskin High School (RHS).

The incident involved two students and a parent. As soon as a physical conflict between the three individuals occurred, RHS was placed on a soft lockdown.

All protocols were followed regarding the parent's admission into the school, as well as administration's management of the incident.

Additional counselors were at RHS today to provide support for students along with additional police presence. Principal Allen and his staff are conducting an investigation at the school level, as well as assisting with an investigation by the Kansas City Police Department.

Sgt. Russell Dystra, HMC-1 director of security, said he is pleased with the security measures utilized and the police response. He noted that once the on-site officer was notified of the incident, it took only few seconds for him to respond and arrive at the scene.

Additional facts regarding the incident you should be made aware of:

1. There was no a weapon involved.
2. The parent **WAS NOT** on campus to meet with the counselor about a domestic violence issue.
3. The parent was on campus to sign his daughter into school due to a late arrival (11:50 am), and assist her with obtaining her schedule.

All parental communication procedures for an incident of this nature were met and followed. Students were given a letter to notify parents about the incident, and a robocall was sent to parents at approximately 4:00 pm. Emergency calls were not sent to parents at the time of the incident because no additional students other than those directly involved were in danger.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ruth", is placed over a white rectangular background.

Ruth Terrell-Lee
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