



PINE BLUFF SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Pine Bluff School District Family,

Today we experienced the escalation of behavior on our Pine Bluff High School campus that jeopardized the safety of students and staff. Today several students were engaged in a fight on the campus that resulted in a lockdown scenario, increased law enforcement presence, and students arrested. It is always a sad day for us when members of our learning community have to deal with violence, bullying, or any behavior that is counterproductive to teaching and learning.

What happened today is unacceptable and will not be tolerated in our district. The Pine Bluff High School campus (ONLY) will be closed for students on Friday, September 10th. We will make this day up at a later time. District administration along with high school faculty will use this time to enhance our safety and security plan and collaborate with law enforcement.

Classes will resume on Monday, September 13th with the implementation of the new plans. PBSB believes that it will be in the best interest of both students and staff that we would discontinue all extracurricular and athletic activities for today, Thursday, September 9th and tomorrow, Friday, September 10th for the Pine Bluff High School campus.

I want to thank our community law enforcement members for their response today. As a community, we should be very proud of how the Pine Bluff Police Department, Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, Fire Department, Jack Jones Juvenile Detention Center Officers and other respondents answered the call to support our school.

To our students and staff, despite the extraordinary situation that occurred today, you remained calm and committed to be your best, thank you.

Barbara J. Warren
Superintendent