

FALL RIVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

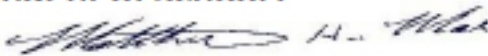
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Matthew H. Malone, Ph.D., Superintendent

PUBLIC STATEMENT

TO: Fall River Public School Community

FROM: Matthew H. Malone, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools


DATE: Thursday, May 2, 2019

RE: Incident at Resiliency Preparatory Academy

Dear Fall River Public School Community:

Today we had an incident at Resiliency Prep Academy between a student and school administration that escalated into a situation involving our Fall River Police Department School Resource Officers. Said student was restrained by the Fall River Police Department School Resource Officers and later released to his parent, pending a summons involving a criminal complaint filed by the Fall River Police Department. We are investigating this situation in conjunction with the Fall River Police Department as we interview witnesses, review statements, view security videos, and analyze all available associated evidence to more fully understand the entirety of this specific incident. Please know that we will carefully review all applicable policies, regulations, and laws to determine if all proper and appropriate protocol was followed correctly and responsibly.

We will continue to work in partnership with all parties involved to ensure the safety and security of our students and staff is upheld at all times. If anyone has any further information involving this situation please contact me directly at mmalone@fallriverschools.org

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