
March 19, 2020

Dear Michael R. Hollis Academy Parents and Caregivers:

Thank you for your continued engagement and support of our efforts to create a safe and supportive learning environment for our students at Hollis. I am writing as a follow-up to the letter you received on March 9, 2020 informing you of our investigation into an allegation of an inappropriate relationship that occurred between a former Hollis staff member and a student.

Since the distribution of the letter, we have received additional questions from parents and community members related to the timeline for receiving communication about the incident, as well as questions regarding the specifics of the allegations. In order to protect the integrity of the investigation, APS followed the guidance provided by law enforcement agencies related to communicating with stakeholders not directly involved in the investigation. However, as soon as the investigation was complete, we received clearance to share information with the school community and did so accordingly.

I know that this allegation is extremely concerning to our entire school community. But, please know that we cannot discuss the specifics of the investigation or share student or staff related information. However, the Hollis Administrative Team will continue to work to reassure students and encourage them to report any concerns directly to Principal Ford and/or her administrative team.

Based on the current guidance surrounding COVID-19, large community gatherings are highly discouraged. So, we will not be able to schedule a community meeting to answer any additional questions that you may have. However, you can send your questions directly to Principal Diamond Ford via our Let's Talk link <https://www.atlantapublicschools.us/domain/14240> and she will follow-up with a response.

At Atlanta Public Schools, safety and security remains our top priority and we will continue to be vigilant in our efforts to make sure that all of our campuses are safe and secure for our students, staff and visitors.

Sincerely,

Yolonda C. Brown

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Associate Superintendent