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**SCHOOL DISTRICT ISSUES UPDATE**

Laurens County School District 55 (LCSD 55) Superintendent Dr. Ameca Thomas has issued a follow-up public statement regarding an incident at an elementary school this morning, February 18, as follows:

“Earlier today, a staff member at Laurens Elementary School discovered a loaded handgun in a classroom. The employee acted according to protocol in swiftly alerting school officials. The School Resource Officer responded immediately and additional law enforcement presence was at the school within a matter of minutes. Please be assured that your school district is working diligently to enhance safety protocols to deter this type of incident again in our school district. We appreciate the cooperation and patience of our school district community as we all work together to ensure that we provide safe teaching and learning environments in our schools.”

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