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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Parents and Guardians,

Tuscumbia City Schools feels compelled to inform you of the national trend, whereby students in multiple school districts are using the term "Devious Licks" as a validation to damage and destroy school property. Students use the social app "Tik Tok" to film themselves performing these stunts to gain social media notoriety. This is not a Tuscumbia problem, but rather a national issue that schools are facing daily. This type of behavior not only takes away from a school administrator's time dedicated to ensuring student learning, but also takes away financial resources needed in other areas to repair or replace the damage. This type of disruption to the school day may seem like a harmless prank to a student.

This announcement is to inform students and parents that administrators of Tuscumbia City Schools will not tolerate behavior that disrupts the learning environment. Students who damage or vandalize, whether it be written messages or destruction, or perform any other action that is a violation of Tuscumbia City Schools Code of Conduct, will be punished in accordance to the Code of Conduct. Actions deemed criminal by administrators, working in conjunction with the Tuscumbia Police Department, will be turned over to the Tuscumbia Police Department for full prosecution.

Tuscumbia City Schools would also like to thank the Tuscumbia Police Department for their prompt response to the incident that took place at Deshler High School on September 23, 2021. The incident was contained swiftly and Deshler High School was open for learning on September 24, 2021.

To reiterate, damage to a school building or facility, embellishment by posting pictures or videos, graffiti, and/or any incident resulting in the disruption of the normal school day is not tolerated. Parents, please discuss this behavior with your children so that we may all learn in a safe environment.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Darryl V. Aikerson".

Darryl Aikerson
Superintendent of Tuscumbia City Schools