

For Immediate Release: Nov. 17, 2012

Contact: Cynthia Robbins Shah-Khan (336) 370-8997

Cell (336) 669-8138

## Former GCS Employee Arrested

**Greensboro**, **N.C.** – Greensboro Police officers arrested a former Guilford County Schools employee early Saturday morning on charges related to inappropriate behavior with a student. The employee was a non-instructional staff member at Sedgefield Elementary School. The alleged incident happened two years ago, but police were just recently made aware of it.

Guilford County Schools is working closely with the police on the investigation. When police let GCS know an arrest was imminent, the employee was contacted by human resources. The employee resigned yesterday.

GCS takes any allegation involving employees acting inappropriately very seriously. Student and staff safety is a top priority. All employees and volunteers must go through a comprehensive background check before they are hired or allowed contact with students. In addition, the school district uses a system that runs local and state criminal checks every night.

The Sedgefield principal sent a phone message to all parents and staff earlier today. A letter will also go home with all students on Monday.

## **About Guilford County Schools**

Guilford County Schools, the third largest school district in North Carolina, serves more than 72,000 students at 124 schools. With approximately 10,000 employees, the district's mission is to graduate responsible citizens who are prepared to succeed in higher education or the career of their choice. Guilford County Schools is a national leader in providing specialized schools and instructional programs designed to meet the educational needs of a culturally diverse citizenship. For more information, visit the district's website at <a href="https://www.gcsnc.com">www.gcsnc.com</a>.