

## **PRESS RELEASE**

Monday, November 6, 2023

Eufaula Public Schools strives to keep the safety and security of their students as a top priority in all situations. Thursday evening, November 2, 2023, Eufaula School Administration was notified of an allegation of excessive force used in the restraint of a student. Local authorities were notified and we are working with the Eufaula Police Department to fully investigate this matter. The employee has been placed on administrative leave while the investigation continues. Due to the fact that this is an ongoing investigation and it is also a school personnel matter, Eufaula Public Schools is unable to make any further comment at this time.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "M. J. Smith", is written below the text. The signature is stylized with a large initial "M" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.