



**SPOTSYLVANIA**  
COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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### **An Update Regarding Recent Email Scams**

The Spotsylvania School Division and County Government leadership are pleased to share the latest update from the Virginia State Police that was released today regarding the ongoing school division and County investigations:

*As a result of extensive investigative efforts, the Virginia State Police Bureau of Criminal Investigation's Culpeper Field Office has been able to reclaim more than half of the money lost in a complex phishing scam targeting the Spotsylvania County Public School system.*

*On Thursday (Aug. 15) state police handed over checks to the Spotsylvania County Treasurer's Office totaling \$347,010.39. Additional checks will be forthcoming next week.*

*State police began the cyber investigation Aug. 1, 2019, and has been working with local and state law enforcement in other states in order to track down the fraudulent deposits made into accounts at multiple banks. State police are still pursuing the case and several individuals associated with the scam. No charges or arrests have been made at this stage of the ongoing investigation.*

*State police is also investigating two other potential cyber phishing scams involving county employees, but there is no evidence to suggest any of the three incidents are connected. Those investigations are ongoing, as well.*

If you have any information that may assist the Virginia State Police with their ongoing investigations, please contact [Questions@vsp.virginia.gov](mailto:Questions@vsp.virginia.gov).

We appreciate all the hard work the State Virginia Police, Spotsylvania County Sheriff's Office, and other law enforcement agencies have contributed to the recovery efforts of the stolen funds.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

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Spotsylvania County