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Imperial police were called to Chase County Schools (CCS) Monday about 3:30 p.m. after a report that a student had allegedly been struck by a teacher.

Police Sgt. Rob Browning said Tuesday morning he was getting permission from parents to do interviews with some of the children who were in the class where the alleged incident took place. Browning also met with Supt. Matt Fisher that morning.

Supt. Fisher said nothing official that he could share had taken place with regard to suspending or terminating a CCS teacher.

He had no comment when asked if a student had been struck by a teacher.

Fisher did confirm he has been in contact with their school attorneys this week.

There is a due process in place, Fisher said, when allegations such as this are made and if any part of an employee's teaching contract changes as a result.

After being presented the information and reasons why action was taken to change the contract, including a suspension or termination, the employee then has a period of time in which to request a hearing before the board of education, Fisher said.

Any change to a staff member's teaching contract would have to come from a board of education vote. Fisher said no special meetings had been held and there were none scheduled.

Monday night's grade 5-6 Christmas band concert was called off, Fisher said, because the director was unavailable to direct it.

Police Chief Larry Browning also reported to city council members at Monday night's meeting that a student had allegedly been struck by an instructor at Chase County Schools. However, upon arrival Chief Browning said school officials would not give much information on the incident.