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## APS teachers accused in cheating scandal given ultimatum

By Tom Regan

**ATLANTA** — Teachers accused in the Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests test-cheating scandal were summoned to Atlanta Public School headquarters on Thursday to meet individually with legal representatives of the school system.

They were given two choices, according to a teacher who didn't wish to be identified.

"It was very brief. They basically gave us an option of either resigning, or be prepared for termination," the teacher said.

The educator told Channel 2's Tom Regan she was accused of altering CRCT test answers at Parks Middle School.

She said she planned to fight the charges before an administrative hearing.

"We are all individuals and I believe every person has a right to present their case," the teacher said.

The school system, and Superintendent Erroll Davis, are taking steps to close the books on the test-cheating scandal which has cost \$6.2 million in salary and compensation to 120 educators on paid administrative leave.

There's also a looming May 15 deadline, when tenured educators are entitled to one-year contract extensions. On Wednesday, Davis told Regan said he will not renew teachers who are under suspicion of test cheating.

"I'm not intending on issuing contracts to anyone who had not been exonerated and not had a proceeding. So, I'm anticipating we will get our work done prior to May 15," Davis said.

Lawyers for some of the accused teachers said APS is making a rush to judgment, because they still have not seen