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SC BAND KEEPS IT 100

Byrnes' Rebel Regiment band will march during the centennial Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade

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Two weeks before Thanksgiving, members of the Rebel Regiment marching band marched across the football field at Byrnes High School, instruments raised and feet moving in unison as they prepared for one of the biggest performances of their lives. ● During a recent practice, 300 high school students moved as one through various formations with sharp precision, focused and determined.

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TOP: Members of the Byrnes High School Rebel Regiment marching band of Duncan walk around the track as they prepare for the 100th annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.
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Andrews renews call to remove RFK Jr. from office

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U.S. Sen.-elect Annie Andrews is renewing calls for the removal of Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. after the United States lost its measles-elimination status.

The Pan American Health Organization announced on Nov. 17 that the U.S. had lost its measles-elimination status after 26 years. A country loses measles-elimination status when continuous transmission of the virus persists for more than a year, according to the organization.

Andrews, who will be sworn into the U.S. Senate in January, addressed the ongoing measles outbreak during a press conference on Nov. 17, calling the loss of the elimination status a "sad moment" for public health in America.

"It's a sad moment for America's children and anyone who is at risk of this preventable infectious disease," Andrews said.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, over 5,000 cases of measles have been reported in the U.S. this year — more than double the roughly 2,300 cases reported in 2025.

South Carolina's Upstate was at the center of the outbreak in 2025, when it

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U.S. Sen.-elect Annie Andrews (D-SC) arrives at the U.S. Capitol for orientation on November 9 in Washington, D.C.
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