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Dear CRS Families,

Today, at approximately 2:15 pm, City of Camrose Police Service (CPS) contacted the school and directed us to enact a Hold and Secure Protocol. This protocol is an emergency procedure for when there is a potential threat outside but near to the school and it is safer for students and staff to stay inside the building. Our staff did a tremendous job of putting the protocol into effect and the students also deserve to be commended for their compliance to ensure everyone's safety. Everyone was accounted for and safely continued their afternoon classes as usual. At approximately 2:45 pm, we were updated by CPS that it was safe to end the Hold and Secure protocol.

We recognize that having the protocol go in effect so close to the end of the day may have created some anxiety about dismissal and after-school plans, both for students and families. Please remember:

- The Hold and Secure protocol represents a much lower threat level than a Lockdown protocol
- The safety of our students and staff is the top priority. Exterior doors are locked and windows are covered during a Hold and Secure and we cannot allow anyone to enter or exit the building until the police assure us that it is safe to do so.
- During a Hold and Secure, our staff is prepared to switch to other protocols, as situations evolve.

We hope that everyone received the information that they needed about what was going on at our school and in a timely manner. All students were safe and dismissed to their families or their bus at the end of the day. This experience is a good reminder that we need to have correct contact information for all of our students. If you did not receive the School Messenger texts, or if you have contact numbers to update, please contact our school office.

Take good care,

Reid Lansing - Principal

Nathan Pederson - Assistant Principal