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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I want to express my heartfelt appreciation for your understanding and patience through the events of yesterday afternoon. It is a testament to your faith in our staff that we will always have your children's best interest at heart.

Near the end of the school day yesterday, the Administration teams of Académie Saint André Academy and École Dansereau Meadows School received a call from the Beaumont RCMP. They advised us of a situation in the area near the school that they felt warranted that the Hold and Secure protocol be implemented. This meant that the doors to the school building should be closed and locked and that no one should enter or leave the building until further notice. No danger or threat was directed at the school, but it was felt that to ensure the safety of everyone, we should wait inside the building. As part of enacting that protocol, we began our process of communicating with parents to advise you of the situation. Regular contact was maintained with the police and our Division office to ensure that parents were given accurate and timely information.

At approximately 5:00 PM, the RCMP allowed the school to begin releasing students to the waiting buses and parents. As you can imagine, this needed to be performed in a controlled fashion so that we could ensure that all students were safe and accounted for.

While I understand the stress that this type of situation can cause, I can assure you that students were well cared for and safe at all times. I want to commend the staff of ASAA for their dedication and patience in helping the students remain calm and protected.

It is our hope that we do not have to experience this type of situation again, however, we will continue, as a school, to practice our protocols, and keep the lines of communication with parents open, so that we are prepared for the unexpected.

Thank you again for your support and trust.

Blessings,

Curt Baron  
Principal  
Académie Saint André Academy