

June 16, 2021

## Students, Parents/Legal Guardians, and Staff:

On the morning of June 16, 2021, St. Albert RCMP responded to a serious incident that occurred in close proximity to École Secondaire St. Albert Catholic High School.

As a precautionary measure, RCMP directed school administration to enter into "Lockdown" status, which was downgraded to "Hold-and-Secure" shortly thereafter.

To ensure the safety of everyone in the community, RCMP also directed all other schools and daycares within St. Albert to enter into a "Hold-and-Secure" protocol, while police conducted an investigation. All students and staff were safe, and classes continued as usual.

Hold-and-Secure is used in response to security threats or criminal activity outside the school. During a Hold-and-Secure, all entrance doors to the school are locked, with no one permitted in or out of the building. No one, other than law enforcement, is permitted access to the building until the Hold-and-Secure has been cleared.

At 10:30 a.m., our Division received an "All Clear" notice from the RCMP. All students and staff in all schools are safe, and school activities have resumed as normal. RCMP continue to investigate and have confirmed that there are no public safety concerns at this time.

Updates have been posted on Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools' website, on all schools' websites, and our Division's official social media platforms.

We are proud of our students and staff for acting quickly and for following our emergency safety procedures. Information about our **Division's School Emergency Response Plan** is available in our *Guide for Parents/Legal Guardians*.

If you have any questions, please contact the Division Services Centre at 780.459.7711 or communications@gsacrd.ab.ca.

Sincerely,

Dr. Clint Moroziuk Superintendent of Schools