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Wolf Creek Public Schools

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am writing to inform you that the **following Lacombe Schools** (École JS McCormick School, École Lacombe Junior High School, École Upper Elementary School, École Secondaire Lacombe Composite High School, and Lacombe Outreach School) initiated a **Hold and Secure** at 12:49 p.m. today. This was on the advice of Lacombe Police Service, under an abundance of caution, as they were dealing with an incident within the community.

A **Hold and Secure** is a precautionary safety measure used when there is a potential concern in the surrounding community, but there is **no immediate threat or danger to students or staff inside the school**. During a Hold and Secure, all exterior doors are locked, and students and staff remain inside the school. Normal activities continue within the building, but no one is permitted to enter or exit until the Hold and Secure is lifted.

We are pleased to let you know that at all times, **students and staff were safe and secure**, and there was no disruption to the learning environment inside the school.

The Hold and Secure was lifted at 1:09 p.m.

Parent Expectations During a Hold and Secure:

- Please do not come to the school or attempt to pick up your child during the
 event, as no one is permitted to enter or exit the building until it is deemed safe to
 do so.
- Please avoid calling the school during the event, as we need to keep phone lines open for communication with authorities and staff.
- Updates will be provided as soon as it is safe and appropriate to do so.

We thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us keep our students and staff safe. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the school office.

Sincerely,

Tim De Ruyck

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