

For Immediate Release

Incident at Heritage Regional High School

Saint-Hubert, March 14, 2018 – Early this morning, a suspicious parcel was delivered to Heritage Regional High School. The police services were immediately contacted. The students and staff were quickly evacuated to École secondaire André-Laurendeau. The administration at Heritage, the School Board and the police services worked closely together to ensure the safety of everyone involved. The parents were continuously updated throughout the day on all our platforms. The police also set up an emergency information line for parents.

Parents were able to pick-up their children as soon as it was possible for them to do so. The students that could not be picked-up remained at École secondaire André-Laurendeau until the school buses arrived at the end of the regular school day.

After verification, the Police services confirmed that the parcel was not an explosive device. The school has since reopened and classes will resume as usual tomorrow morning.

The threat of violence at school can cause anxiety to students. Please take a moment to talk to your children about today's events. The professionals from Complementary Services will be available tomorrow morning at Heritage to support students should they need to speak with a psychologist, psychoeducator or guidance counsellor. Furthermore, please do not hesitate to contact the school administration should you need further assistance.

Riverside School Board always takes threats of any kind very seriously. We are proud of the way the school administration, School Board and Police services worked together to quickly respond to the source of this threat and to make sure that any potential danger to our students and staff was addressed.

We would like to thank the school administration at École secondaire André-Laurendeau for their incredible support in keeping our students and staff safe.

If you have any specific questions regarding your children or should you want to report an incident or event pertinent to the situation, please contact the school administration. For any other questions, please contact the school board at 450-672-4010.

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