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Open Letter to Parents and Students of Barrhead Composite High School and Barrhead Elementary School

Prior to school starting today, Barrhead RCMP contacted Pembina Hills Public Schools to advise that a potential threat to safety had been made naming Barrhead Composite High School.

As an immediate precaution, students and staff at both Barrhead Composite High School and Barrhead Elementary School were secured in areas within the school and the RCMP were dispatched to the schools.

This procedure is known as hold and secure. Hold and secure is used when there is a threat, but the threat is not on or close to school property.

Within a short period of time, the RCMP advised that the situation was under control and the additional security was lifted.

Student safety is our first priority. At no time were students in either school under an immediate risk of harm. If your children have questions, please reassure them that that the RCMP and the school worked together to deal with the situation and ensure they were safe.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this further, please call me at 780-674-8507 or send me an email at david.garbutt@phpschools.ca.

Sincerely,

David Garbutt
Superintendent of Schools

cc: Barrhead Detachment, RCMP

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