

Hello Venture Heights families,

We had a calm, productive day today. Our staff did a great job of providing a "normal" environment, in light of the Hold and Secure. Thank you to the many parents who contacted the school with supportive and encouraging messages.

We are aware that some parents were left feeling that we didn't provide very much information through our texting service. We act on the direction of the RCMP. They don't want to give out critical information to the public that might impeded the investigation. Our priority and action was simply to get the kids into the building safely. They also ask that parents don't call them either as it ties up their phone lines and resources. Remember too, that posting on social media only serves to heighten emotions and stress in our school community.

If any of you are still not receiving our text messages, please contact us and we can make the corrections. The system was updated this summer and some of the bugs are still being worked out!

All Martensville schools are sending this message out today:

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

This morning, RCMP notified our school of a person of concern in Martensville. As a precaution, the RCMP advised all Martensville schools to move to a "Hold and Secure" response at 8:35 a.m. With every situation that poses a potential threat, we follow our Prairie Spirit School Division Emergency Response protocol and work with the RCMP.

Hold and Secure means all exterior school doors are locked because an emergency is occurring outside the school and may pose a risk. Classes continue as usual.

The Hold and Secure was lifted at 10:35 a.m., following direction from the RCMP once the potential threat had been addressed.

All Prairie Spirit schools routinely implement safety drills throughout the year to reinforce the protocol and procedures with staff and students. We appreciate the cooperation of parents, students and staff to maintain safe and positive learning environments at our schools.