Dear Parents and Guardians:

Today was an extraordinary day at Gleneagle. The school received a threat this morning prompting a code red lockdown and immediate contact with the RCMP. The RCMP directed us to evacuate the building and we moved the students to Scott Creek Middle School. The staff at Gleneagle commends the students on how efficiently and calmly responded to the event. We are proud that we took all the necessary steps to ensure the safety of our students in the building, while moving them safely to Scott Creek Middle School. When we found out that we could not determine a reasonable return time to school, we proceeded with a student release. Student releases ideally involve direct parent pick up at the release point. While this occurred for many students, we understand that many parents are unable to pick up their children. In this case, we used telephone contact with parents for permission to make their way home safely. Teachers kept a record of all students released to parents and released with telephone contact. If your child came home without your consent, please have a conversation with them about the importance of following school instructions. It was made clear to students the importance of remaining with the school staff.

Currently, the school will be closed to the public for the day. This includes Continuing Education Night School classes. This is to facilitate the security of student belongings left in the classroom due to the release. We are asking all students to pop by the school between 9 and 9:15am to pick up their belongings in their classes before teachers engage in their professional development day activities.

Students with cars in our school parking lot may now return to pick up their vehicles.

Grade 12 grad photos have been cancelled today and will be rescheduled.

I would like to thank all my staff, students and their parents for their patience and with today's events. I would also like to thank the RCMP and the staff at Scott Creek for their assistance today.

Gerald Shong
Principal