



# LAKESHORE COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

This morning at about 9:45 am, we evacuated our school as a precaution after learning about a potential threat. Staff immediately contacted police who arrived quickly to investigate. On advice from police, we initiated the evacuation and staff escorted students to nearby Toronto Police College on Birmingham Street. Police continued its investigation throughout the morning, which also included a thorough search of the school.

At approximately 1:15 pm, police completed its search, concluding that there were no safety concerns, and provided clearance to return to the school. Staff accompanied students back to LCI where they returned to period one classes to pick up personal belongings before proceeding to period 4 classes. For students who may have signed out with parent permission, the school will remain open until 4:30 pm today so that they can retrieve belongings.

As you know, the safety of students is a top priority at our school. While we never want to disrupt our regular routines, we also must take all threats seriously. We work closely with police to respond accordingly to any such situation. We want to take every precaution to ensure the safety of students and staff and will continue to do just that.

I would like to thank police for their quick response and thorough work, and for graciously hosting us at the Police College. I also want to commend our outstanding staff and students in handling the evacuation in a calm and orderly manner, despite the challenges that come with moving that many people out of, and back into, a school. Thanks also to parents for your support and understanding during a difficult day.

We apologize for any inconvenience this situation may have presented. It was obviously not something any of us expected or wanted to have to contend with but I am extremely proud of the way our community came together to deal with the situation.

If you have any questions, please contact the school.

Sincerely,

Allan Easton, Principal  
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