

## ANGLOPHONE WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Evacuation and Subsequent "All Clear" at Bliss Carman Middle School Public Statement

Released by David McTimoney
Superintendent, Anglophone West School District (ASD-W)

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Bliss Carman Middle School in Fredericton was evacuated today shortly after 11:00 AM due to a threat made to the school. The threat was received by telephone and is believed to be automated.

Students, teachers and staff were safely evacuated to their nearby alternate site and later returned to the school to resume a regular school day. Upon return to school, parents were informed through the school communication channels and the Superintendent offered communication via Twitter and the school district website.

School, District and Police officials performed a search of the building and it was subsequently determined that the threat was not credible or a danger to the school community.

The school based education support services team, including guidance and school administration, is available to speak with students about the situation should circumstances warrant. The district education support services team is also ready to assist, as required. School administration debriefed with students upon their return to the building.

Staff and students from Bliss Carman Middle School had practiced this evacuation procedure earlier in the school year.

"As always, the Fredericton Police Department responded in a professional and timely manner." McTimoney said. "School leadership, staff and students followed their process and, as such, the evacuation went as smoothly as possible. I am very pleased with how events unfolded".

The Fredericton Police Force continues their investigation.

