



From the Office of the Superintendent  
Today's Hold and Secure

**March 13, 2017**

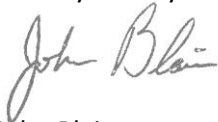
This afternoon, five district schools (Dover Bay, McGirr, Randerson Ridge, Rutherford, and Frank J. Ney) entered into a hold and secure at approximately at 1 p.m., due to a concern in North Nanaimo. RCMP resolved the situation and the hold and secure was lifted at 1:37 p.m.

Due to the timing of today's incident, there were parents outside the school waiting to pick up their child. In such circumstances parents are asked not to come to the school for any reason until advised they can do so. Students are safest while in the school and therefore, staff would not release any students until the hold and secure was lifted.

The 'hold and secure' term is used when it is desirable to secure the school due to an ongoing situation outside which is not necessarily related to the school. The reasons for the 'hold and secure' could be anything from a wild animal sighting, a threatening or suspicious individual, or an environmental hazard. During 'hold and secure' all school perimeter doors are locked and no-one is permitted to leave or enter the building. Details on the district's emergency procedures can be found on the [website](#).

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Thank you for your understanding,



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