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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Unfortunately, we needed to evacuate due to a fire alarm late this afternoon. Sadly, we have learned that the fire alarm was in conjunction with a bomb threat at Fox Run School, similar to yesterday. The Sylvan Lake RCMP detachment was on site providing direction along with other emergency vehicles. This was to maintain the safety of both school communities.

After a preliminary sweep by the RCMP officers, we were directed by the RCMP to dismiss students from the premises but entry to the school for their belongings was not permitted initially, so some students were unable to get keys and necessary belongings. Once RCMP directed so, one adult was permitted in the building to retrieve them for students that remained on site. We dismissed students as promptly as possible so they could get out of the cold. The school was still under restricted entry until well after the school day ended as we awaited further information from RCMP.

We have received notification from RCMP that they have deemed there is no threat to students, staff and community at this time. We will be fully operational tomorrow for school. Thank you again for your patience and cooperation as we navigate these circumstances. Contact us if you have any further questions.

Yours in Christ,

Jeff Tuchscherer - Principal École Mother Teresa School

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