



# Gatestone Elementary School

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Dear Families,

This letter is to inform you that Gatestone elementary and Saltfleet secondary entered a Hold and Secure response today.

Hold and Secure requires the building to be secured and all persons to remain in the school due to an ongoing, non-school related situation outside. The issue today involved a police investigation around Upper Centennial and Highgate.

The schools entered a Hold and Secure at the direction of the police around 9:45 a.m. The schools remained in Hold and Secure during the lunch hour. The schools continued to function normally, except no staff or students were allowed outside of the building. Police lifted the Hold and Secure at about 1 p.m.

You can learn more about the [Secure Schools Policy Directive on the HWDSB website](#).

We want you to know that student safety is of the utmost importance. If you have any questions, please contact our school office.

We thank all parents, guardians and students for their understanding.

Sincerely,

Michael Castellani  
Principal