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Dear families,

This letter is to inform you that several HWDSB schools entered a Hold and Secure today.

Police placed five HWDSB schools in Hold and Secure, including Sir Winston Churchill secondary and Parkdale, Rosedale, Viscount Montgomery and W.H. Ballard elementary schools. Daycares in schools were also put in Hold and Secure.

Hold and Secure requires the building to be secured and all persons to remain in the school due to an ongoing situation outside school property. The Hold and Secure was lifted before dismissal.

We thank our students and staff for their co-operation during the situation. You can learn more about HWDSB's approach to secure schools at <u>http://bit.ly/2Hw8s98</u>

Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,

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