

Message to Grasslands Parents

Many of you will have received an e-mail message this morning that you will see below. We have learned from the RCMP this afternoon that the **report was false and the alleged abduction did not take place.**

I had decided last night not to distribute the information to anyone other than our principals and vice principals because I first wanted verification that the alleged interaction had actually occurred.

We will review our processes to ensure that the different school systems in town are working together to provide accurate and timely information.

We will continue to work closely with the RCMP in all situations involving student or staff safety.

We have also learned some things this morning about our ability to communicate with parents and will improve those processes.

David Steele

“Unfortunately there has been a communication problem regarding a reported attempted abduction yesterday. Here are the facts as I know them.

- 1. Yesterday morning a Grasslands student in Brooks reported to a teacher that someone had yelled at her while she was walking to school.*
- 2. After lunch the student reported to an aide that a man had attempted to get her into his vehicle.*
- 3. The administrators at the school were informed.*
- 4. Police were contacted and are investigating to verify the information and, if it is true, attempt to determine the identity of the man.*
- 5. I was made aware of the situation yesterday evening.*
- 6. I contacted the administrators of all of the schools to advise them of the investigation and that we would be working with the police regarding a public statement.*
- 7. I asked the administrators to ensure that there was outside supervision this morning.*
- 8. I advised the administrators that we would provide more information when we had factual information.*
- 9. I contacted an administrator in the Christ the Redeemer school division to provide the information.*
- 10. The administrators in the Catholic system sent an e-mail to their parents earlier this morning.*
- 11. We will continue to work with the RCMP in their investigation.”*

David Steele

Superintendent

Grasslands Public Schools