



Yellowknife Catholic Schools

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Subject: Urgent Notice: Safety Precaution Regarding Wildlife in School Zone

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are writing to inform you of a safety situation affecting École St. Patrick High School and Weledéh Catholic School.

Department of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) officers recently alerted us that a mother bear and her cubs were spotted in our school zone. While ENR has communicated that the bears were successfully guided away, they remain in the area of School Draw.

Out of an abundance of caution, we are modifying our dismissal procedures today to ensure all students remain safe:

- **No Independent Dismissal:** Students will not be permitted to walk home or leave school unescorted today.
- **Bus Students:** Students who normally take the school bus will be loaded onto their buses directly as usual.
- **Out of School Care (WCS):** Students enrolled in the Weledéh Catholic School Out of School Care program will be transferred directly to the program as usual.
- **All Other Students:** Parents or guardians must arrange direct pick-up for any student who does not take the bus or attend the Out of School Care program.

Staff will remain on-site until every student has been safely picked up.

We remain in continuous contact with ENR and will update parents if the situation changes before the end of the school day.

We appreciate your prompt assistance and cooperation in keeping our school community safe. Please contact the school main office if you have any immediate questions.

Sincerely,

Adam Murray
Superintendent
Yellowknife Catholic Schools

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