



# Nouvel Catholic Central Schools

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## Called by Christ to learn, love and lead... courageously.

February 7, 2023

Dear Nouvel Catholic Central Families,

Thank you for the trust placed in Nouvel Catholic Central as we navigated through the unfortunate events that transpired today.

As a result of what is believed to be a false report of an active threat, law enforcement and emergency personnel responded to both the high school and elementary/middle school buildings this afternoon. At this time we are not aware of any active threat. We have no reason to believe that students, staff and faculty were in danger, at either building. There was no active shooter, weapon discharge or act of violence on our campuses. Any physical damage to the building that occurred was the result of law enforcement securing the location. No medical attention was requested or provided at either location throughout the duration of the event.

To ensure that we can appropriately support our Nouvel community, both buildings will be closed, tomorrow, Wednesday, February 8. Mental health care professionals will be at the high school for **any** member of our community who would like to access that resource. Staff/faculty will have support available from 7 am - 9 am. Students will have support available from 9 am - 12 pm. High school students may also access the building on Wednesday, February 8, from 9 am to 12 pm to obtain personal property. We ask that all guests check in at the main high school office (half circle drive, located off Wieneke) or at the entrance near the athletic offices. Until further notice, the north entrance of the high school building, adjacent to the students parking lot, will be closed. If you are unable to take advantage of the support offered during the times outlined above, please contact the High School at 989-399-2220 and we will work with you to meet your needs.

Our high school students, staff and faculty responded based on the training they have received. Once the building was secure, students were escorted by staff and law enforcement to the gym. (Diocesan staff were also present in the gym, as diocesan offices are in the same building.) Bishop Gruss addressed the group and prayed with them. With the continued support of law enforcement, students with parent permission were dismissed.

During this event, as a precaution, the elementary school moved to secure mode for the remainder of the day and adjusted dismissal practices. Law enforcement remained on site through the end of the school day.

We thank you for your support as we worked to address this situation. We will be following up with law enforcement to review our response, practice, and policies to ensure we continue to provide a safe, faith-based learning environment. We will continue to update our community as necessary. We want to thank law enforcement and all first responders for supporting our community today. We also want to thank our staff and faculty for their response.

We are continually thankful for all the prayers, support and first responders who work hard every day to keep our community safe. We are blessed to have a faith-based community to lift us in prayer and are grateful to report that our staff and students are safe.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Nouvel Leadership

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