

STATEMENT

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UPDATED STATEMENT ON POLICE INCIDENT INVOLVING STUDENT

COWICHAN VALLEY, BC - Rod Allen, Superintendent of the Cowichan Valley School District has released the following statement:

"We have learned that the RCMP have concluded a very thorough investigation into the alleged assault of a student from Cowichan Secondary School's Quamichan Campus on Thursday, June 8, 2017. According to the RCMP statement, it has been proven that this reported assault did not take place. We want to thank the RCMP for taking this incident seriously and bringing the investigation to a guick close.

At this time, the school district is committed to providing ongoing support to the student and her family.

Given the ongoing concerns regarding the street activity along the York Road corridor, the district remains committed to providing bus transportation throughout the day for students moving between the two campuses, and will continue to provide additional noon-hour supervision.

This situation and the public response to it reinforces the need for a concerted, collective community plan to address the street activity and related issues that face our community. We hope that our community partners will continue to collaborate with the Board of Education to make our community a safe place for everyone.

Out of respect for the privacy of the student and her family, we will not be providing any further information on this specific incident."

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