



Wednesday November 5th, 2025

To all our families

For several years now, police services, like fire safety services, have been collaborating with schools on safety matters. Whether for fire evacuation drills or lockdown drills in emergency situations, all share the same objective: to ensure the safety of those present in the school.

Sharing this objective, Laurentian Regional High School subscribes to the *Safe Schools Response Plan (PRES)* of the Sûreté du Québec. This plan is designed to raise awareness and inform staff and students in order to ensure an optimal police response should an emergency situation requiring a lockdown occur at school. School staff are trained by police officers and take part in the preparation and implementation of these drills.

Teachers will shortly begin to address this topic with their students. A lockdown drill is scheduled for Wednesday November 19th, 2025 during period 4.

The lockdown drill will take place calmly, and police observers will be present to ensure it proceeds smoothly. As with a fire evacuation drill, the objective is to improve the response of school staff and students to an event requiring a lockdown.

It is possible that your child may discuss the exercise with you or have questions about it. We invite you to talk with your child, while emphasizing the importance of following instructions so that the drill can take place in an atmosphere of confidence and calm.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind you of an important measure in the event of an actual lockdown in your child's school. Should such an event occur, we ask that you do not go to the school, since the presence of additional individuals on site would increase the complexity of managing the situation and the police response. Indeed, in such circumstances, the priority of police officers is to quickly restore the situation and ensure the safety of the children. However, if individuals come to the school, officers would also need to ensure their safety, which would complicate the intervention.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. We thank you in advance for your cooperation and for supporting this practice.

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