

## Warren Consolidated Schools

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Dear WCS Community,

This morning, we were informed that a robbery had taken place at the Credit Union on 15 Mile Road next door to Carleton Middle School. The Sterling Heights Police Department advised that we should place our nearby schools in a "secure lockdown," which means we do not allow anyone in and out of our buildings, but classes and school operations can continue behind our locked doors. We followed their guidance, and Carleton Middle School, Willow Woods Elementary, the Career Prep Center, and Sterling Heights High School were all placed into a secure lockdown, while we awaited further guidance from law enforcement. After about an hour, the SHPD concluded their investigation and gave us clearance to resume normal operations.

At no time was there an immediate threat to our schools, the secure lockdown was put in place out of an abundance of caution. I want to thank the Sterling Heights Police Department for their efforts to maintain our safety. In addition, I want to compliment our students and staff for following our established procedures.

If you have further questions, please contact your child's school.

Sincerely,

John C. Bernia, Jr., Ed.D. Superintendent of Schools



