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**PUBLIC SCHOOL MEETING – APRIL 3, 2017**

**ISSUE:** To provide the Minister an update with respect to the above-noted meeting.

**BACKGROUND:**

- One "L" Division member was the only person in plainclothes at the event;
- The member arrived early, observed the venue, spoke to the Senior School Board Management and briefed them of our attendance at the event;
- Prior to the event starting the member moved to an upper balcony where he could view the event but was not part of the overall gathering. While in the balcony, he was with the Principal of Bluefield School and the Principal for Elliot River School. Also present were several staff of the high school;
- A uniform member was also inside the school but was in a safe room and was not visible to any persons at the event;
- The plain clothes member did not film any of the event and the uniform member could not have as she was not in the room with the participants of the meeting. No other police were present inside the building;
- The plain clothes member did not witness any other RCMP members at the event who may have attended as part of their private life;
- At no time was the plain clothes member ever present on the floor with the citizens during the meeting;
- At the conclusion of the event the plain clothes member moved down to the main floor area as there were some heated conversations. He remained away from the group leaning against a wall. He was approached by one individual who questioned him as to why he was there. They clearly knew he was a police officer but the

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conversation centered more on the fact that he must have known in advance what was decided or he would not have been there. He refuted this statement;

- Prior to the event 2 marked cars were parked at the intersection of Kingston and Colville Rd and 2 marked cars parked at the intersection of Kinkora (Hwy 225) and Colville Road;
- At the conclusion of the evening, 2 uniform members were at both of these intersections on foot to direct traffic leaving the event as there was a large amount of traffic exiting at the same time and the intersections were dark;
- After the School Board members departed the parking lot, the plain clothes member and the uniform member began to depart. The Georgetown School bus also left at this time. The uniform member was operating a marked police vehicle and was behind the bus. The bus was followed to Maypoint where the uniform member pulled into the RCMP Detachment. The uniform member following the bus was purely coincidence and not an enforcement or surveillance action in any way as she was simply returning to her detachment.

#### **CURRENT STATUS:**

- It can be attested that at no time was any information provided as to what the outcome of the meeting would be. Police presence was requested based on knowledge of the number of people attending and the potential for emotions to become elevated. One plain clothes officer was placed inside with other uniforms in the area to assist if needed for traffic control or should there be a need for police response inside. This call was a judgement based on risk assessment of current knowledge as there was no awareness of what the outcome of the meeting would be.

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