



St. James-Assiniboia School Division

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Statement from SJASD Superintendent on Bus-Semi-trailer Collision in Headingley

January 17, 2024

At approximately 7:45 a.m. on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, a contracted school bus transporting St. James-Assiniboia School Division students to Collège Sturgeon Heights Collegiate was involved in a collision involving a semi-trailer. The incident took place at the intersection of Monterey Road and Highway 1.

Six students were on the bus at the time of the collision.

Emergency crews from the RCMP, Headingley Fire Rescue, provincial EMS and Stars Air Ambulance attended the scene, along with representatives from the bus company and SJASD. No significant injuries requiring transport to hospital were reported at the time, though the driver and students were shaken up by the incident.

Staff from Bright Beginnings Daycare provided temporary shelter to the students involved in the collision until alternate transportation to school or home was confirmed by emergency personnel. Staff from Collège Sturgeon Heights Collegiate are following up with families to confirm the details of the incident and provide any counseling or other supports they may need following the crash.

SJASD is in contact with emergency services and will cooperate with any RCMP investigation. We will conduct a debrief and will follow all provincial requirements with regards to the incident.

Our hearts go out to the students and drivers impacted by this collision. We want to express deep appreciation to the staff of Bright Beginnings Daycare for providing temporary accommodation to the impacted students. We also want to thank the emergency personnel for their professional and compassionate response to this incident. Any queries about the RCMP investigation can be directed to media.relations.rcmp.manitoba@rcmp-grc.gc.ca.

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