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## Caledonia Community Schools Addresses Gas Leak Incident at Caledonia High School

**Caledonia, Mich.** – At approximately 10:50 a.m. this morning, a construction crew struck a gas line outside of Caledonia High School (CHS). Workers immediately called 9-1-1 and notified school officials.

CHS students were promptly evacuated from the building and relocated to Kraft Meadows Intermediate School (KMIS) as a precautionary measure. A short time later the decision was made to release student drivers and those students whose parents were able to pick them up early. Student drivers were taken by school bus back to the high school to their vehicles, while parents were able to sign out and collect their students from KMIS.

Authorized crews declared both the CHS North and South Campuses safe for re-entry at 1:11 p.m. High school students remaining at Kraft Meadows Intermediate School were transported back to the North Campus for pick up or to ride their assigned bus home. All students were then permitted to return to CHS to pick up any belongings they may have left behind.

Dirk Weeldreyer, Superintendent of Caledonia Community Schools, stated, "We appreciate the swift response of all involved parties and the cooperation of our students, families, and staff during today's incident. Emergency preparedness is a district priority and events like this allow us to review and enhance our practices and procedures."

Evening activities at Caledonia High School will proceed as planned.