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Dear Crestwood Community,

Over the last couple of months we have witnessed some inappropriate behaviour outside of our school, especially near the northeast basketball tarmac area. We have had numerous calls from our Crestwood neighbours about late hours, foul language, drinking, traffic incidents, and loud music being played. There have been few concerns like this in the past, but this year the number of incidents has increased significantly.

With our school year winding down, in collaboration with our Crestwood Community League and Crestwood School Council, we have decided to remove the basketball hoops temporarily for the summer. We did not make this decision lightly. Over the last three months, we have worked to resolve the issue through more signage, video surveillance, adjusting the security lighting, removal of the picnic tables, and frequent discussions and collaboration with the Edmonton Police Service and city bylaw. I have also personally spoken with youth who may be involved in the after hours activity and our collective efforts haven't seen the situation resolved.

I want to let you know that while our hoops will be removed at the end of June, the Community League will keep their basketball courts open over the summer for our community members to use. Our courts will reopen when school is back in session in the fall. We hope that this temporary measure will help address the immediate concerns of the neighbourhood so we can return to normal usage for years to come.

We will continue to work with our partners and community, towards a resolution for the 2021-22 school year.

Thank you for your continued partnership,

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