



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Re: Fair Notice

The safety of our students is a top priority for us all. Children and youth increasingly face many difficult situations and challenges in their lives. When they lack the ability to resolve these problems, high risk behavior can sometimes occur. We believe there is a shared community responsibility to respond and support all children and youth. As a school division, and in cooperation with local school divisions, government, RCMP and community partners, we have completed intensive safety training through the Canadian Centre for Threat Assessment and Trauma Response. All school administrators have been certified in Level 1 and 2 threat assessment safety training. Together, we have also developed a prevention and intervention protocol for responding to situations in which students may be posing a threat to themselves or others. This protocol is reviewed and updated on a regular basis.

This letter is to inform you that as a school division, we have an administrative procedure that requires school administrators to complete a "risk assessment" in cases of students making significant threats to harm themselves or others. The purpose of the assessment is to determine the level of risk and identify supports which may be required. This letter is intended to serve our community with fair notice that we, as a school community will address and respond to incidents of high risk behaviours in a proactive manner that provides for a healthy and caring learning environment. Our goal is to promote safe schools and communities, and respond to threats in a preventative approach.

We are proud to be able to provide this level of support to our school communities and are most fortunate to have our community partners at our side. Additional information on this topic can be found on the following link <http://www.ecsrd.ca/Programs/vtra/Pages/default.aspx> .

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Paonessa".

Mike Paonessa
Superintendent

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