



August 23, 2022

Dear Parents,

**Re: Fair Notice**

The safety of our children is a top priority for us all. We, as a school system, have been involved in an intensive safety training with our community partners – the RCMP, Mental Health, Community Health Services and Child & Family Services. Together we have developed a plan for responding to situations in which students may be posing a threat to themselves or others.

As part of this initiative principals will complete a “threat assessment” of students making significant threats to harm themselves or others. The purpose of the assessment is to determine how best to support high risk students so that their behaviour does not become hurtful or destructive. If your child comes home to tell you that a student has behaved in a threatening way at school, please be assured that your principal will be taking measures to deal with the situation in a positive and proactive manner. If your principal invites you to a meeting to discuss safety concerns about your own child, please be assured that the appropriate protocol is being followed and that the goal is safety, not punishment. Worrisome behaviours may be brought to our attention in a variety of ways, including alerts being shared regarding a student’s activity while using Division technology or Division accounts.

This letter is intended to serve our community with fair notice that we, as a school community will not accept “no response” to a serious threat. Our goal is to respond to all threats in a manner that provides for a healthy and caring learning environment.

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.

Sincerely,

Peter Barron  
Superintendent of Schools