



## STUDENT THREAT ASSESSMENT FAIR NOTICE AND PROCESS

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Livingstone Range School Division is committed to creating and maintaining school environments in which the emotional and physical safety of students, staff, parents and others is a priority. Schools cannot ignore any threat of violence. When threat making behaviors occur schools initiate a process called *Threat Assessment*.

Each school has a threat assessment team that is multidisciplinary. The team will include an administrator and school counselor, and may include RCMP, Child and Family Services Workers and Community Mental Health therapists.

### **What is a Threat?**

A threat is an expression of intent to do harm or act out violently against someone or something. Threats may be verbal, written, drawn, posted on the internet or made by gesture. Threat making behaviours include, but not limited to, serious acts of violence, fire setting, threats to kill, bomb threats and possession of weapons (or replicas).

If your child comes home and reports threat making behaviours please notify the school administration immediately.

### **The Threat Assessment Process**

When schools learn of threat making behaviours they activate the Threat Assessment Protocol. Once the process has been activated, interviews may be held with the student(s), the threat maker, parents and staff to determine the level of risk and to develop an appropriate response to the incident. Intervention and support plans will be developed with the threat assessment team and shared with parents of the student that made the threats.

To ensure the physical and emotional safety of everyone, it is important for all parties to engage in the process. If for some reason there is a reluctance to participate in the process, by the threat maker or parent / guardian, the threat assessment process will continue in order to ensure a safe and caring learning environment for all.

Should you have further questions about the threat assessment process, please contact either Dr. Kendra Massie, Clinical Team Lead or myself at 403-625-3356.

Sincerely,

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Associate Superintendent, Learning Services

**Every student, every day.**

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