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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 intensive safety training with our community partners—the RCMP, Ministry of Children and Family Development including Child & Youth Mental Health, probation and Child Protection services. Together we have developed a plan for responding to all situations in which students may be posing a threat to themselves or others.

This letter is to inform you that we, as a school system, have a policy that requires principals to complete a 'threat assessment' in all cases 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 policy is being followed and that the goal is safety, not punishment.

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 professional 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Nelson".

Karen Nelson
Superintendent of Schools