

September 16, 2025

Re: Threat Assessment

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The safety of our children is a top priority for us all. As a result, I want to make you aware that as a school system, we continue to work regularly with our community partners – the RCMP, Child & Youth Mental Health, the Ministry of Children and Family Development, Scw'exmx Child and Family Services Society, and other Indigenous partner organizations to respond to situations in which students may be posing a threat to themselves or others.

Our policy requires principals to activate a multidisciplinary "threat assessment" protocol when a student is believed to be making significant threats to harm themselves or others. The Administrative Procedure – Student Behaviour and Discipline is available on the school district website at www.sd58.bc.ca.

The purpose of the assessment is to determine how best to support students so that their behaviour does not become harmful or destructive. If your child comes home and tells you that a student has behaved in a concerning way at school, online or in the community, please let the school know immediately, and the principal will take 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 policy is being followed and that the goal is safety for all.

This letter is intended to inform you that, as a school community, we will always respond to concerns regarding a potentially serious threat. Our goal is to respond to all threats in a way that provides for a healthy and caring learning environment for all.

Sincerely,

Courtney Lawrance

Superintendent of Schools

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