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Dear Parents:

RE: Threat Assessment

The safety of our children is a top priority for us all. I want to make you aware that as a school system, we have recently been involved in intensive safety training with our community partners – the police, Child & Youth Mental Health and the Ministry of Children and Family Development. Together we have developed a district plan for responding to all situations in which students may be posing a threat to themselves or others.

I want to inform you that we now have a new policy in place that requires principals to activate a multidisciplinary “threat assessment” protocol in all cases of students making significant high level threats to harm themselves or others. The policy is #542.1 and is available on the school district website at www.sd73.bc.ca. The purpose of the assessment is to determine how best to support high risk 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 threatening way at school, please let the school know immediately and please be assured that your 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 new policy is being followed and that the goal is safety.

This letter is intended to assure you that as a school community, we 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.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools

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