



# Coast Mountains Board of Education School District 82

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Dear CMSD82 Parents and Guardians:

**RE: Fair Notice of Student Threat Risk Assessment Protocol**

Coast Mountains School District 82 is committed to providing safe and caring learning environments for all students, staff, school visitors and community members. Our school district has been involved in intensive safety training with our community partners: the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Ministry of Children and Family Development, and other community agencies and services. Together, we have developed a plan for responding to all situations in our schools in which students may be posing a threat to themselves or others.

This letter is to inform you that Coast Mountains School District 82 now has regulations in place that require district staff and principals to complete a Violent Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) in all cases of students making significant threats in our schools. In all our school communities we have signed off on a formalized community-based VTRA protocol. Such protocols outline how organizations will collaborate and work together to respond quickly to threatening behaviour. The purpose of the assessment is to determine how best to reduce the risk to others so that we maintain an environment where students, staff, parents/guardians and others feel safe, and to ensure students receive help from the appropriate community agencies.

This letter is intended to serve our community with fair notice. A Parent Information Bulletin regarding the *Student Threat Assessment Protocol: Fair Notice* is provided for further information on the reverse side of this letter.

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. We believe that by working together with students, their families, and the community we can support young people to be healthy and happy.

Should you have further questions or concerns, please contact your School Principal for assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine McIntosh  
Superintendent of Schools

Attachment

- Parent Information Bulletin January 2019 - Student Threat Assessment Protocol: Fair Notice

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