

Fair Notice: Response to Threat-Making Behaviour

In the interest of ensuring safety and security in the school community, there may be times when school administration may conduct a Threat-Risk Assessment. These assessments are in direct response to expressions of violence intended to harm or injure. Threats may be expressed in many ways, including verbal or written form (e.g. on the internet, social media, in person, etc.) and will be taken seriously and responded to accordingly. To keep our school communities safe, staff, students, and community members are expected to report all threat-related behaviours.

Each school in our district has a multi-disciplinary Threat-Risk Assessment Team which may include the principal/vice-principal, counsellor, district-level staff, and police. In certain situations, the school district may involve other agencies including the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Children and Family Development, and the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority. The purpose of the Threat-Risk Assessment Team is to promote the emotional and physical safety of all persons in the school. The team will respond according to specific protocols so that an intervention plan can be developed and implemented.

In the interest of a safe and secure learning environment, threat-risk assessments will be conducted whenever required and will engage all necessary parties, with or without the consent of the threat-maker and/or their parent/guardian.