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Re: Pine Creek School Division Violence Threat Risk Assessment Protocol

Dear Parents/ Guardians:

The safety of our children is a top priority for everyone. The tragedies that have occurred where students commit violent acts against other students and educators in Canada and in the United States have caused government officials, educators, parents, students and other community members to assess how we make our schools and communities safe for our children and students.

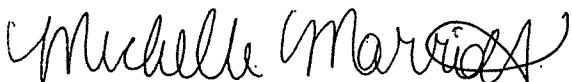
Pine Creek School Division staff has received training on assessing threat-making behavior. The training has helped our professionals to recognize signs of threat-making behaviors, assess them, and put in place interventions to support and reduce the level of risk. Pine Creek School Division has developed a plan to respond to situations in which students may be demonstrating behaviours that pose a risk to themselves or others. We wish to advise parents that we have adopted a protocol which requires schools to undertake a threat assessment in all cases of students making threats to harm others. These threats may be physical, verbal or written, or they may be gestures or messages posted on the Internet. The purpose of the Pine Creek School Division Violence Threat Risk Assessment Protocol is to determine how best to support students considered at risk so that their behavior does not become hurtful or destructive to themselves or others. Parents of a student suspected of making a threat will be contacted once the data necessary to confirm a threat or violent incident has occurred and the level of violence potential has been determined.

The Pine Creek School Division Violence Threat Risk Assessment Policy (EBCC) is available online at www.pinecreeksd.mb.ca.

Parents can play an active role in keeping our schools safe by advising the school of any information communicated to them from their children concerning threatening behaviours that their children may have been subjected to, in or out of school, in person or online.

This letter is intended to provide you with notice that all schools in Pine Creek School Division will respond to all threats in a professional manner that provides for safe, healthy, and caring learning environments. Any threats or threat-making behaviours will be taken seriously and assessed accordingly.

Yours sincerely,



Michelle Marriott, Principal