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Dear Prairie Spirit families:

Prairie Spirit School Division is committed to supporting learning environments that are safe and caring spaces for all students, staff, caregivers and community members.

This letter is intended to serve our schools and community with fair notice that we will respond to student behaviours, including threats, that pose a risk to the health and well-being of others. A threat is an expression of intent to do harm or act out violently against someone or something.

All high-risk behaviours and threats will be taken seriously, investigated, and responded to appropriately. Each school has a designated Threat Assessment Team with additional supports and partners as required. Parents/caregivers will be notified as soon as possible regarding a threat assessment. Our preference is always to work collaboratively with the family to identify the most comprehensive supports possible. In the event parents/caregivers cannot be reached or choose not to engage, the threat assessment will still proceed. The safety of all is our utmost concern. The student may not be able to return to school until the level of risk can be determined, the process has been completed, and a safety plan is developed.

Please go to the following [link](#) for more information about the Student Threat Risk Assessment process.

Prairie Spirit School Division is a signatory and active collaborative partner in the [Saskatoon and Area Community Threat Assessment and Support Protocol \(CTASP\)](#). This protocol enables us to collaborate with community partners and organizations to share information and advice as we provide appropriate trauma-informed supports to our youth and their families. This allows us to respond more effectively to situations where students may be a risk to themselves or others. Personal information shared throughout this process will respect and balance everyone's right to privacy.

We will continue to work with you and our community partners to support safe and caring schools for our students. If you have questions about our safety procedures, please contact your principal.

Sincerely,

Tracey Young
Director of Education