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Dear Parent and/or Guardian:

Re: Community Threat Assessment and Support Protocol (CTASP)

Prairie Spirit School Division is committed to work with families and community members to make our school learning environments safe and caring.

We are proud to inform you that Prairie Spirit is working with other school divisions and community organizations to implement the Community Threat Assessment and Support Protocol (CTASP). Prairie Spirit officially signed this protocol at the end of November. You may review the protocol by accessing the Prairie Spirit School Division website (www.spiritsd.ca/safeschools).

As a result of this protocol, community partners are able to proactively share information and advice and to use their broad range of expertise to provide the appropriate supports to our youth and their families. In addition, we are committed to following procedures that require principals to complete a "threat assessment" whenever a student makes significant threats to harm themselves or others. The purpose of the assessment is to determine how best to support high-risk students so that their behavior does not become hurtful or destructive.

To maintain a safe and caring learning environment, all threats must be taken seriously and responded to quickly and effectively. We will continue to work with you, and with our community partners, to provide safe and caring schools for our students.

If you have further questions about this protocol, please contact your Principal.

Sincerely,

John Kuzbik

Director of Education