

# WETASKIWIN REGIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## FOUNDATION STATEMENTS

### VISION

Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools is a learning community that is caring, collaborative, committed to celebrating diversity, respected for its focus on excellence, where students eagerly embrace and believe that learning has the power to inspire them to discover, develop, and act upon their potential, thereby enriching their lives and their community.

### VALUES

Courage, Creativity, Empathy, Ethics, Honesty, Integrity, Respect, Responsibility, Service, Spirituality, Teamwork and Trust

### MISSION

"We inspire, sustain and celebrate learning, are open to all students, and focus on service through research – based instruction so that children and youth discover, develop and act upon their potential."

### PRIORITIES

- \* Improve the academic success of all students.
- \* Enhance the success of First Nations students and encourage the active involvement of their families.



# Student Risk Assessment



# Student Risk Assessment: Fair Notice and Process

## What behaviors warrant a Student Risk Assessment?

A Student Risk Assessment will be initiated when behaviors include, but are not limited to: serious violence or violence with intent to harm or kill, verbal/written threats to harm/kill others, Internet website/MSN threats to harm/kill others, possession of weapon (including replicas), bomb threats and fire setting.

### Duty To Report

To keep school communities safe and caring, staff, parents, students and community members must report all threat related behaviors.

## What is a threat?

A threat is an expression of intent to do harm or act out violently against someone or something. Threats may be verbal, written, drawn, posted on the Internet or made by gesture. Threats must be taken seriously, investigated and responded to.

## What is a Risk Assessment Team?

A Risk Assessment Team is multi-disciplinary. The team may include Principal, Vice-Principal, Psychologist, Counselor, RCMP, Social Worker, Family School Liaison Worker and Parents.

## What is the purpose of a Student Risk Assessment?

The purposes of a Student Risk Assessment are:

- to ensure the safety of students, staff, parents and others
- To ensure a full understanding of the context of the threatening behavior
- To begin to understand the factors that contribute to the threat maker's behavior.
- To be proactive in developing an intervention plan that addresses the emotional and physical safety of the threat maker.
- To promote the emotional and physical safety of all.

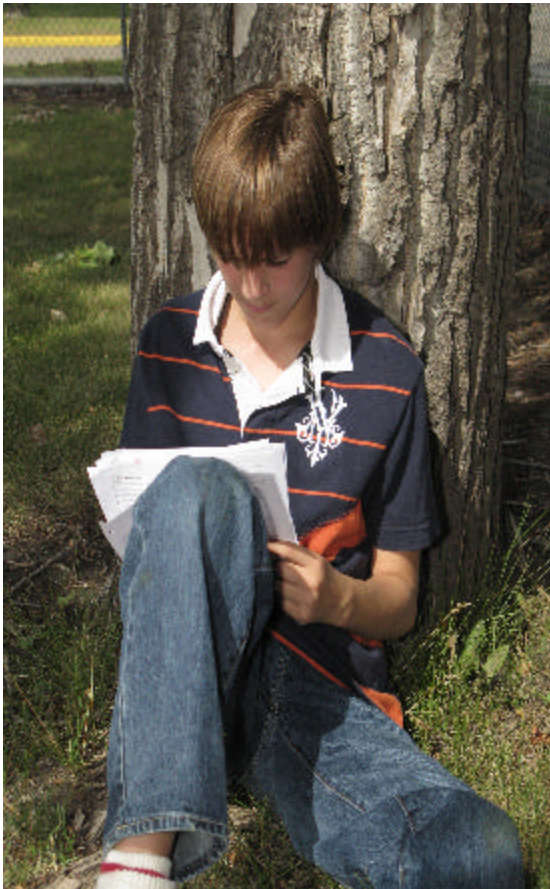
## What happens in a Student Risk Assessment?

The Process:

All threat making behaviors by students shall be reported to the principal who will activate the protocol for the initial response.

Once the team has been activated, interviews may be held with the student. the threat maker, parents and staff to determine the level of risk and develop an appropriate response to the incident.

Intervention plans will be developed and shared with parents, staff and students as required.



## Can a family refuse to be a part of the Student Risk Assessment Process?

It is important for all parties to engage in the process. However, if for some reason there is a reluctance to participate in the process, by the threat maker or parent/guardian, the risk assessment process will continue in order to ensure a safe and caring learning environment for all.