

Fair Notice - Violence Threat/Risk Assessment

We need your support and assistance!

Keeping students and community members safe from harm is a responsibility we all share and a commitment we value.

The schools in School District 71 wish to ensure that all parents, students and community members are aware of how we will respond to any behaviour that poses a threat of violence. Many school district staff have been trained in Violence Threat/Risk Assessment. Our district together with the local RCMP detachment and the Ministry of Children and Families in the Comox Valley have worked to develop and have signed a protocol that outlines how we will work together to deal with threats of violence. This is posted on the District Website under "District Info" together the district's Fair Notice brochure.

It is imperative that students, parents, and community members are:

- aware of what behaviours would warrant a Student Violence Threat/Risk Assessment to be initiated
- aware that it is imperative that these behaviours are reported to the school principal and/or the RCMP in a timely way
- aware that the district will assess, investigate, and respond to any threat of violence through an integrated team approach.

What is a Threat?

- an expression of intent to do harm or act out violently against someone or something
- may be verbal, written, drawn, posted on the Internet or made by gesture

Duty to Report

To keep school communities safe and caring, staff, parents, students and community members must report all threat related behaviours. Every threat must be taken seriously, thoroughly investigated and a response and follow through completed.

Student Violence Threat/Risk Assessment

The process of a Student Violence Threat/Risk Assessment:

- all threat making behaviour(s) by a student(s) shall be reported to the principal, who will activate School District #71's protocol
- interviews will be held with the student(s), 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.

Thank you.

For further information on Violence Threat/Risk Assessment, visit the district website <http://sd71.bc.ca> or visit the Canadian Center for Threat Assessment and Trauma Response at <http://www.cctatr.com>.