



## Fair Notice for Parents and Students 2024/2025

Dear Parents and Students:

The safety of our students is a top priority for us all. As a school system, we have been involved in intensive safety training with our community partners – the RCMP, Child & Youth Mental Health, Ministry of Children and Family Development, Secwepemc Child and Family Services, and Lii Michif Otipemisiwak Family and Community Services. Together we have developed a district plan for responding to all situations in which students may be posing a threat to themselves or others. School District No. 73 has a policy in place that requires all staff, parents/guardians/caregivers, students and community members to report all threat-related behaviours to the school principal. [www.sd73.bc.ca](http://www.sd73.bc.ca)

### 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.

### Duty to report

In order to keep school communities safe and caring, staff, parents/guardians/caregivers, students and community members must report all threat-related behaviours to the school principal.

### What is a Site Specific Threat Assessment Team?

The school has a site-specific threat assessment team that includes the principal(s), counsellor(s), teachers and a member of the police.

### The purposes of a student threat assessment are:

- to ensure and promote the emotional and physical safety of students, staff, parents, the student making the threat, and others
- to ensure a full understanding of the context of the threat
- to understand the factors underlying the behaviours of the threat maker
- to be proactive in developing

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• intent to harm or kill</li> <li>• online threats to harm/kill others</li> <li>• possession of weapons (including replicas)</li> <li>• gang related intimidation and violence</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• verbal/written threats to harm/kill others (clear, direct, plausible)</li> <li>• bomb threats (making and/or detonating explosive devices)</li> <li>• fire starting</li> <li>• sexual intimidation and violence</li> </ul> |
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### What parents and students need to know:

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