



## Student Violence Threat Risk Assessment

### FAIR NOTICE

*Sun West School Division is committed to creating and maintaining school environments in which students, staff, parents/guardians/caregivers and others feel safe. Schools cannot ignore any threat of violence.*

#### 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/guardians/caregivers, students and community members must report all threat related behaviors to the school principal.

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

- 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 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 behaviors warrant a Student Violence Threat Risk Assessment to be initiated?

A Student Violence Threat Risk Assessment will be initiated for behaviors including, but not limited to:

- Serious violence or violence with intent to harm or kill
- Verbal/written threats to harm or kill (clear, direct, and plausible)
- Online threats to harm or kill others
- Possession of weapons (including replicas)
- Bomb threats (making and/or detonating explosive devices)
- Fire starting
- Sexual intimidation or assault
- Gang related intimidation and violence

#### What Parents and Students Need to Know?

- Any threat must be reported to the school principal
- Investigation may involve the student services counsellor, the police of jurisdiction, or other community agencies
- Investigation may involve locker or personal property searches
- Interviews will be held with the threat maker and other students or adults who may have information about the threat
- Parents of students who are directly involved will be notified
- Threatening behavior may result in disciplinary action
- An intervention plan may be developed for the student making the threat and a support plan developed for any individuals targeted by threats.

*The information in this brochure reflects the thinking and work of J. Kevin Cameron, Director of the Canadian Centre for Threat Assessment and Trauma Response.*