

## **HORIZON SCHOOL DIVISION NO. 67**

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Dear Parents:

As our school year begins, we wish to inform you of Horizon School Division's policy regarding high-risk behaviours. In order to enhance a sense of safety and security in our schools, Horizon School Division has zero tolerance for not responding to high-risk behaviours. These are behaviours that involve weapons, threats to harm, or vicious assaults. Should any student engage in behaviour which threatens or appears to threaten the safety of others, our *Protocol for Dealing with High-Risk Behaviours* will be activated. All potential safety concerns will be investigated thoroughly and actions appropriate to the situation will be taken. Should you wish to review our policy, please check our website at [www.horizon.ab.ca](http://www.horizon.ab.ca) to access Policy Code IFCI, Policy Title: *Threat Assessment Protocol*. You can also contact our threat assessment leader, Angela Miller (634-9767) for more information.

If you recognize any potential safety concerns, please report your concerns to the police, principal, or the threat assessment leader. Potential concerns include verbal/written/internet threats to harm others, suicidal thoughts or attempts, missing or stolen weapons, preoccupation with violence, or any other situations that may affect the safety of your child or others in the school.

The school division recognizes that some threats, especially by younger children, may not be serious. However, it is important that students and parents know we take all threats seriously and will respond in accordance with this protocol. Part of our purpose is to educate students so they know that such behaviours are not acceptable. It would be helpful if you would discuss this policy with your child/children. Thank you for your support in this endeavour. We look forward to a positive year in our schools.

Sincerely,

*“Wilco Tymensen”*

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Superintendent of Schools