

Dear Parents/Guardians/Caregivers,

Peace Wapiti Public School Division is committed to providing school environments that are safe and caring places for students, staff, school visitors, and community members. We also work with families and community partners to provide the kinds of supports the young people in our schools require to be healthy and happy at school. The safety of our children is a top priority for all of us.

We are very proud to say that we have worked with a number of community organizations to develop the School and Community Threat Assessment Protocol. This document enables community partners to proactively share information and advice, and to use their broad range of expertise to provide the appropriate supports to our youth and their families.

School administrators have been certified in Violence Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) training through the [Center for Trauma Informed Practices](#). Every school in our division has a VTRA Crisis Response Team consisting of an administrator(s), counselor/psychologist, law enforcement representative, and other possible professionals who work with the protocol.

Although a parent or guardian of a student may be reluctant to support or participate in the VTRA protocol, the school may continue to work through the process to ensure a safe and caring learning environment for all. Your school principal will be happy to answer any questions you may have about this process.

For information on the VTRA protocol, including the steps taken throughout the process, please visit our website at www.pwpsd.ca.

We look forward to working with you, and with our community partners, to provide caring schools where excellence in learning is a priority and everyone feels safe.



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