

Regina Catholic Schools

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE REGINA ROMAN CATHOLIC SEPARATE SCHOOL DIVISION NO. 81

Donna Ziegler Chair Domenic Scuglia Director of Education

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Regina Catholic School Division is committed to providing school environments that are safe, caring, and accepting places for students, staff, and community members.

We have worked with the members of the Regina Human Service Partnership to develop a *Community Threat Assessment & Support Protocol*, which we jointly signed on April 10, 2017.

As part of this Protocol, it is important for you to know that we will respond to all student behaviors that pose a potential risk to school safety and to the health and well-being of other students, staff and members of the community. This Protocol also enables the partner agencies to proactively share information and to use their broad range of expertise to provide the appropriate supports to our children and youth and their families. It is hoped that support for early intervention measures by the school division and its Protocol partners will prevent school violence. All high-risk behaviors will be taken seriously and will be assessed accordingly. Determining what actions will be taken in any case (e.g., legal, disciplinary, mental health evaluation, etc.) will depend upon the context of the incident.

Every school within the Regina Catholic School Division has a multidisciplinary threat/risk assessment team which will work within the Protocol. If an assessment is completed, it is important for all parties to engage in the threat/risk assessment process. However, if, for some reason there is a reluctance to participate in the process by the threat-maker(s) and/or parent(s)/guardian(s), the threat assessment process will continue in order to ensure a safe and caring environment for all. Information shared throughout the threat/risk assessment process will respect the individual's rights to privacy and the safety of all to the fullest extent possible. Your school principal will be pleased to answer any questions you may have about this process.

We look forward to working with you, and with our Protocol partner agencies, to provide safe, accepting, and caring schools.

Sincerely,

Domenic Scuglia
Director of Education
Regina Catholic Schools