



Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

Battle River School Division is committed to ensuring that all students and their families, as well as staff, feel safe, welcome and cared for at school.

Part of our commitment to providing a safe and caring environment is working together with others in the community to deal with any potential threats our schools may receive.

Significant threats are not a common occurrence in our schools, but in order to protect students, we do take all potential threats seriously. Potential threats may be made through social media posts, verbal or written words, or various forms of intimidating action.

In that circumstance, we use a process called the Violent Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) protocol. The VTRA is a process which helps our school division and other agencies work cooperatively together to respond to concerning situations.

The initial response to any form of threatening behavior involves School Administration, the school division, and the Police. Our Violent Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) protocol enables us to engage social workers, mental health clinicians, or other professionals with relevant skills when needed. Throughout the VTRA process, personal information shared between agencies is handled with utmost respect for each individual's right to privacy, while prioritizing the safety of everyone involved. In the event of such a situation, parents/guardians will be promptly notified.

A complete copy of the Violent Threat Risk Assessment protocol is posted on our BRSD website. If you'd like additional information on this protocol, please contact Coordinator-Health and Wellness at 780-672-6131.

Thank you for your support of our work to ensure our schools remain safe and caring places for all.

Sincerely,

Rhae Ann Holoien

Superintendent of Schools