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Dear Parents:

The safety of our children is a top priority for us all. We, as the Good Spirit School Division, have been involved in intensive safety training with our community partners – the police and Mental Health. Together we have developed a plan for responding to high-risk behaviours. High-risk behaviours include, but are not limited to, possession of weapons, bomb threats and threats to injure oneself or others.

This letter is to inform you that the GSSD school system now has a policy that requires principals to complete a “threat assessment” in all cases of students making significant threats to harm themselves or others. Should you wish to review “Administrative Procedure #165: Safe Schools”, please check out our website at www.gssd.ca. The purpose of the assessment is to determine how best to support high risk students so that their behaviour does not become hurtful or destructive. If your child comes home and tells you that a student has behaved in a threatening way at school, please advise your principal and be assured that your principal will be taking measures to deal with the situation in a positive and proactive manner. If your principal invites you to a meeting to discuss safety concerns about your own child, please be assured that the policy is being followed and that the primary goal is safety, not punishment.

This letter is intended to serve our community with fair notice that we, as a school community, will not accept “no response” to a serious threat. Our goal is to respond to all threats in a professional manner that provides for a healthy and caring learning environment.

We are pleased to provide, in conjunction with our community partners, a safe environment for our students.

Sincerely,

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