

## Fair Notice to Parents/Guardians

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The safety of our children is a top priority for everyone. This letter is to inform you that we have participated in the development of a region wide Violence Threat Risk Assessment Protocol along with our community partners, for responding to situations in which students may pose a threat to themselves or others. These situations may involve weapons, or threats to harm (communicated personally or via electronic media) or assaults as outlined in our Student Code of Conduct.

The purpose of the assessment is to determine how best to support the student so their behaviour does not become violent or self-injurious. Please note that other community partners such as, the Halton Regional Police Service, or other community youth agencies may become involved in the Violence Threat Risk Assessment (V.T.R.A) because it is critical to have as much information available as possible in order to provide the most appropriate support to your child.

If your child comes home and tells you that a student has behaved in a threatening way at school, please ensure the school principal or vice principal are notified. Measures will be taken to deal with the situation in a positive and proactive manner.

We will respond to all threats in a professional manner in order to provide a healthy and caring learning environment. Additionally, we will be educating students so they know that threat making behaviours are not acceptable as well as teaching youth about school safety.

The Halton Catholic District School Board is proud to be able to provide this level of support to our students and is most fortunate to have our community partners working with us.

Sincerely,



Camillo Cipriano  
Superintendent of Education