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Dear Prairie Spirit families:

Re: Caring, Healthy, and Safe Learning Environments in Prairie Spirit Schools - Fair Notice Letter

Prairie Spirit School Division is committed to providing safe and caring learning environments for students, staff, parents, and community members. It is important that parents and caregivers know that we respond to student behaviours that pose a potential risk to the safety and well-being of others.

This letter is intended to serve our community with fair notice that we will respond to all threats in a professional manner that provides for a healthy and caring learning environment.

Prairie Spirit has administrative procedures that require principals to complete an Assessment of Risk to Others (ARTO) in all cases of students displaying any type of high-risk behaviour. The purpose of an ARTO is to determine how to best support students so that their behaviour does not become hurtful or destructive. If your principal invites you to a meeting to discuss safety concerns about your own child, please be assured that the procedure is being followed and that the primary goal is safety, not punishment.

Our administrators, counsellors and other Division staff receive Violence Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) training developed by the Centre for Trauma-Informed Practices. This training is part of the Saskatoon and Area Community Threat Assessment and Support Protocol (CTASP), launched in 2011. Prairie Spirit is a signed member of this protocol, which supports a shared commitment to prevent school and community violence through early intervention and shared threat/risk assessment.

Creating safe and supportive communities is a shared responsibility. Alongside providing staff with the tools and training they need, we strive to work in partnership with students, families, and community agencies to build cultures of caring, healthy and safe environments.

Please see the following links for more information on Prairie Spirit's Caring, Healthy and Safe Schools strategy and the Violence Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) model which explains when and how an Assessment of Risk to Others (ARTO) may be initiated:

- [Saskatoon and Area Community Threat Assessment and Support Protocol](#)
- [Fair-Notice-graphic.pdf \(spiritsd.ca\)](#)
- [ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES – Prairie Spirit School Division \(spiritsd.ca\)](#)

Prairie Spirit School Division has several administrative procedures in place to support our Caring, Healthy, and Safe Schools strategy. Your school principal will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

We look forward to continuing our work with you and our community partners to provide caring, healthy, and safe schools for our students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tracey Young". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tracey" and the last name "Young" clearly distinguishable.

Tracey Young
Director of Education
Prairie Spirit School Division