



**TURTLE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL  
DIVISION**

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

“The students are the focus of all our efforts. The division strives to provide an education that prepares individuals for a meaningful life in a changing world. We promote a learning environment that begins in the home, continues in the school and is supported by the community.”



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## What behaviors warrant a Student Threat/Risk Assessment to be initiated?

- ◆ A student Threat/Risk Assessment will be initiated when behaviors include, among other activities.
- ◆ Serious violence or violence with intent to harm or kill, verbal/written threats to harm or kill other, Internet website/MSN threats to harm or kill others, possession of weapons (including replicas), bomb threats and fire setting.

### Duty to Report

To keep school communities safe and caring, staff, parents, students, and community members must report all threat related behaviours. Every threat must be taken seriously, thoroughly investigated and a response and follow through completed.

### What is a threat?

- ⇒ An expression of intent to do harm or act out violently against someone or something.
- ⇒ May be verbal, written, drawn, posted on the Internet or made by gesture.

Threats must be taken seriously, investigated and responded to.

## What is a Threat/Risk Assessment team?

Each school has a Threat/Risk Assessment Team. The team may include Assistant Superintendent, school Principal, or Vice-Principal, School Division Psychologist, RCMP, Child Protection Worker, Mental Health Worker and others.

It is important for all parties to engage in the Student Threat/Risk Assessment process. If for some reason there is reluctance to participate in the process, by the threat-maker or parent/guardian, the threat assessment process will still continue in order to ensure a safe and caring learning environment for all.

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## What is the purpose of a Student Threat/Risk Assessment?

The purpose of a Student Threat/Risk Assessment are:

- ⇒ To ensure the safety of students, staff, parents and others.
- ⇒ To ensure a full understanding of the context of the threat.
- ⇒ To begin to understand the factors that contribute to the threat-makers' behaviour.
- ⇒ To be proactive in developing an intervention plan that addresses the emotional and physical safety of the threat-maker.
- ⇒ To promote the emotional and physical safety of all.

## What happens in a Student Threat/Risk Assessment?

The process of a Student Threat/Risk Assessment:

- ⇒ All threat making behaviour(s) by a student(s) shall be reported to the principal, who will activate the Turtle Mountain School Division protocol.
- ⇒ Interviews will be held with the student(s), the threat-maker, parents and staff to determine the level of risk and develop an appropriate response to the incident.
- ⇒ Intervention plans will be developed