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ASSESSMENT OF RISK TO OTHERS (ARTO) A TRAUMA-INFORMED GUIDE FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

THE NESD....

is committed to creating and maintaining an educational environment in which students, staff and community members feel safe.

The school division will not ignore any threat of violence

WHAT CONSTITUTES A RISK TO OTHERS?

- Risk refers to behaviors or statements by a student that may indicate potential harm to someone or something.
- A statement may be verbal, written, drawn, posted on-line or made by gesture.

DUTY TO REPORT

To keep our schools safe, staff, parents/guardians/caregivers, students and community members "must" report all risk related behaviours to the principal or vice principal of their school. Reporting is not about punishment.

DUTY TO RESPOND

- All reports will be taken seriously, investigated, and responded to in an appropriate manner.
- The Assessment of Risk to Others (ARTO) process assists

school division staff in determining appropriate intervention strategies to assist students and promote safety.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF AN ASSESSMENT OF RISK TO OTHERS?

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

WHAT STUDENTS AND PARENTS NEED TO KNOW

- Any threat—spoken, written, or online—must be reported to school staff.
- Safety concerns are taken seriously to protect everyone.
- A team may investigate, including school staff, RCMP, and other agencies.
- Your locker, belongings, and social media may be reviewed.
- Interviews will be held with the threat-maker, other students, and adults who may have information to share
- The goal is safety, not punishment.
- Threatening behavior may lead to consequences and outside agencies like the RCMP may be involved.
- An intervention plan may be created for the student who made the threat.

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Creating safe, inclusive, and academically excellent learning experiences for all.