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Dear Parents/Guardians/Caregivers:

Welcome to the 2020-21 school year. In the interest of creating safe and caring schools within the Northeast School Division, I wanted to take this opportunity to remind you of the *North East Community Threat Assessment and Support Protocol*. Developed in collaboration with community partners across the northeast, this protocol allows community partners to share information and use their expertise to implement the appropriate supports for students and their families. Furthermore, North East schools have established School Threat Assessment Teams including the administrator(s), school counsellor and RCMP to work with the Protocol.

The purpose of a threat assessment is to determine how best to support high-risk students so that their behaviour does not become hurtful or destructive. These actions have been undertaken to help fulfill our Board expectations to provide a safe, respectful learning environment within our schools. The North East School Division is committed to ensuring that students, staff, school visitors and community members feel safe. Collaboration with families and community partners is viewed as critical to attain our goal.

For more information on the *North East Community Threat Assessment and Support Protocol*, please visit our website at www.nesd.ca. Information and a brochure that outlines the steps for the protocol can be found under "Safe and Caring Schools." If you have questions about the process, please contact your school principal.

We look forward to working with you and our community partners to provide safe and caring schools.

Sincerely,

Don Rempel
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