



## Student Violence Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) – Fair Notice to Parents

*Rocky Mountain School District No. 6 is committed to creating and maintaining school environments in which students, staff, parents/guardians, and others feel safe. Schools cannot ignore any threat of violence.*

### What is a threat?

A threat is an expression of intent to do harm or act out violently against someone or something. Threats may be verbal, written, drawn, posted on the internet, or gestures.

### Duty to report

To keep school communities safe and caring, staff, parents/guardians, students, and community members must report all threat-related behaviours to the school principal.

### What is the purpose of student threat assessment?

The purposes of student threat assessment are:

- To ensure and promote the emotional and physical safety of students, staff, parents, the student making the threat, and others.
- To ensure a full understanding of the context of the threat.
- To understand the factors contributing to the person of concern's (threat maker's) behaviour.
- To be proactive in developing an intervention plan that addresses the emotional and physical safety of the person of concern.

### What behaviours warrant a Student Violence Threat Risk Assessment?

A student threat assessment will be initiated for behaviours including, but not limited to:

- Verbal/written threats to harm/kill others ("clear, direct, and plausible")
- Threats made via social media to harm, kill, or cause serious property damage
- Serious violence or violence with intent to harm or kill
- Weapon possession (including replicas)
- Bomb threats (or possession/detonation of devices)
- Hate incidents motivated by factors including but not limited to: race, culture, religion and/or sexual orientation

### Collection Notice

*Rocky Mountain School District No. 6 is subject to personal information privacy laws and will undertake the collection of this information in compliance with the requirements of such laws, including by limiting collection to information that is relevant and necessary to address a risk or threat and by ensuring that information is collected from publicly available open-source social media sites. The School District will not collect information as part of a threat assessment unless there is a reason to believe that a risk exists. Information collected as part of a threat assessment may be provided to law enforcement authorities in appropriate circumstances.*



If something at school is making you feel unsafe use the **erase Report It** tool to send an anonymous confidential message to your school or the Safe School Coordinator, who will follow up on it right away.