



ROLLING RIVER SCHOOL DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT'S BULLETIN

November, 2006

“Lock-Down”

Our schools are in the process of practicing “lock-down” procedures. These drills are a necessary part of your emergency response plan. Please encourage your pupils to take these drills seriously as they are done for their safety.

School administrators and counsellors have finished another phase of their Threat Assessment training. The attached “Fair Notice” letter will soon be going home with all pupils. It is our goal to have all teaching and support staff trained in Threat Assessment. Training is also well underway for WEVAS and Restitution. Teachers and Educational Assistants are reminded that participation in these training sessions is a divisional requirement. If a workshop is full, don't be concerned as others will be scheduled over the next 2 years. As a reminder, here are the dates for workshops that have been planned:

WEVAS I - Feb. 5 & 7

WEVAS II - Apr. 13

Restitution - Dec 5 & 7; Jan. 24 & 26; Mar. 7 & 9; May 10 & 11

Communicating with Parents (for teachers) - Jan. 12; Feb. 16; Apr. 23

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**School Busses**

From time to time our school busses do not run due to poor weather / road conditions but the schools are open. It is your responsibility to encourage non-bus pupils to attend on these days. The message to be given is that there are positive opportunities for pupils on these days that may not be available when all students are attending.

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Fair Notice Letter to Parents

The Board of Trustees is committed to creating and maintaining an environment in schools where students, staff, parents and others feel safe. To this end, the Board has reaffirmed a policy and protocol for responding to Student Threats/High Risk Behaviours.

This letter is to inform you that this policy requires principals to complete a “threat assessment” in all cases where a student makes a significant threat to harm themselves or others. The purpose of this assessment is to determine how best to support high risk students so that their behaviour does not become hurtful or destructive. If your child comes home to tell you that a student has behaved in a threatening way at school, please be assured that your principal will be taking measures to deal with the situation in a positive and proactive manner.

This letter is intended to serve our communities with fair notice that the school division will not accept “no response” to a serious threat. Our goal is to respond to all threats in a professional manner that provides for a healthy and caring learning environment.

All school administrators and counsellors have received training in Threat Assessment with further intensive training planned for later this school year.

To learn more about the Threat Assessment policy, please contact your school principal or visit our website www.rrsd.mb.ca (Policy Manual - Section J - #JGA - Assessing Violence Potential: Policy for Dealing with High-Risk Student Behaviours)

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Congratulations to John Potter, Vice Principal from Minnedosa Collegiate who has been appointed to the Grade 11 & 12 Physical Education/Health Education Provincial Curriculum Development Team.  
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Educational Assistant Inservice—November 23rd **PLEASE BRING YOUR HANDBOOK**

This is a paid day and EAs are to attend. This agenda looks very interesting and I am sure that you will have an enjoyable and informative day. Topics include:

- ◆ Opportunities to observe video clips (written & performed by RRSD drama students) of behavioural incidents to practice objective notes for follow-up (by teacher, principal and/or for funding applications)
- ◆ Case studies (group work) re: parent communication
- ◆ Review of Child Abuse Protocol
- ◆ Working with teachers, clinicians & specialists