



CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF EASTERN ONTARIO: THREAT/RISK ASSESSMENT PARENT/GUARDIAN NOTIFICATION AND FAIR NOTICE

The Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario and community partners are committed to making our schools safe for students and staff. As a result schools will respond to all student behaviours that pose a potential risk to other students, staff, and members of the community.

The risk and threat assessment process is designed to be proactive in developing intervention plans that address the emotional and physical safety of those involved.

- A Risk or Threat Assessment will be initiated by the school administration when behaviours have been identified by staff or students that pose a potential risk to self and/or others.

Behaviours include but are not limited to:

- Possession of weapon/replica, bomb threat/plan, verbal or written threat to kill or injure, internet website threats to kill or injure self/others, setting fires, and threats of violence.

Each school has a Risk/Threat Assessment Team which is multi-disciplinary and includes the school administration, designated Board regional leads, and school based support staff. The Community Threat Assessment Team may also include police, the Children's Aid Society, youth justice, and children's mental health practitioners. See Community Violence Risk/Threat Assessment Protocol at www.cdsbeo.on.ca.

An assessment will be completed to:

- ensure a full understanding of the context and the level of the risk/threat,
- better understand the factors that contribute to the threat maker's behaviours,
- plan for a supportive response for all those involved.

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

Information shared throughout the Risk/Threat Assessment process will respect the individual's rights to privacy and the safety of all. Intervention Plans will be developed and shared with parents, staff and students as required.

The model presented reflects the thinking and work of J. Kevin Cameron, Director of the Canadian Centre for Threat Assessment and Trauma Response.