



**RENFREW
COUNTY
CATHOLIC**

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Fair Notice Statement

In Renfrew County Catholic Schools we work hard to promote positive and caring school climates where we demonstrate care for each other, our world, and ourselves. We are committed to creating and maintaining respectful and safe schools. One tool that we have to help us in this endeavour is a Violent Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA).

The Violent Threat Risk Assessment is used to protect students, staff, parents and visitors of RCCDSB schools. It is a tool to assess the level of risk, understand the context of the threat, or serious violence, and to develop an intervention plan to support the student.

Across Renfrew County we have a VTRA Protocol that outlines the process of the assessment and the partners that may participate. The VTRA teams may include administrators, school board psychologists, guidance counsellors, school support counsellors, social workers, community liaison police officers, other pertinent professionals, and/or community resources (such as staff at Family and Children Services, the Phoenix Centre, and the Petawawa Military Family Resource Centre). When the VTRA process is initiated the team collaborates to review student information and the details of the event, while respecting the student's right to privacy and the safety of all school members.

A threat may include an expression of intent to do serious harm or act out violently against people or property. Threats may be verbal, written, drawn, posted on the internet, or made by gesture. All threats must be taken seriously and investigated. A Threat/Risk Assessment may be initiated because of the context of an incident or worrisome behaviour. School staff, parents/guardians, students, and community members are responsible for reporting all threat-related behaviours.

Schools to believe in!