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Dear Parents/Guardians of BTPS Students:

SUBJECT: FAIR NOTICE - VIOLENCE – THREAT/RISK ASSESSMENT (V-TRA).

The safety of our children is a top priority for all of us. We, as a school system, have been involved in intensive V-TRA safety training processes. Buffalo Trail Public Schools administrators, designated staff, and community members have been trained in Level One Violence – Threat/Risk Assessment. As a result of this training, we have a plan for responding to situations in which students may pose a threat to themselves or others.

This letter is to inform you that we have procedures that require principals to complete a "threat assessment" in all cases of students making significant threats to harm themselves or others. The purpose of the assessment is to determine how best to support high-risk students so that their behavior 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 call the principal and be assured that your principal will be taking measures to deal with the situation in a positive and proactive manner. If your principal invites you to a meeting to discuss safety concerns about your own child, please be assured that policy is being followed and that the goal is safety and support, not punishment.

This letter is intended to serve our community with fair notice that we, as a school community, 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 safe and caring learning environment. We will practice "lockdown and evacuation" procedures in our schools a minimum of ten times a year.

As well, the Buffalo Trail Public Schools Board of Trustees recognizes the value of video surveillance systems in monitoring activity on school property and the role of these systems to support our mission of providing a safe and caring learning environment.

Accordingly, the Board of Trustees authorizes the use of video surveillance practices when necessary, in accordance with the guidelines established in BTPS Policy Section 8 - Facilities, Administrative Procedures - 801.8AP Video Surveillance in School Facilities & on School Grounds.

We are proud to be able to provide this level of support to our school communities and are most fortunate to have our community partners at our side.

Sincerely,

Michelle Webb
Superintendent