



# Halton District School Board

## Fair Notice to Parents/Guardians

Date: September 2014

Dear Parents/Guardians:

### **Re: Fair Notice**

The safety of our children is a top priority for everyone. This letter is to inform you that we have participated in the development of a region wide Violence Threat Risk Assessment Protocol along with our community partners, for responding to situations in which students may pose a threat to themselves or others. These situations may involve weapons, or threats to harm (communicated personally or via electronic media) or assaults as outlined in the Halton District School Board's Code of Conduct.

The purpose of the assessment is to determine how best to support the student so their behaviour does not become violent or self-injurious. Please note that other community partners such as, the Halton Regional Police Service, or other community youth agencies may become involved in the Violence Threat Risk Assessment (V.T.R.A) because it is critical to have as much information available as possible in order to provide the most appropriate support to your child.

We will respond to all threats in a professional manner in order to provide a healthy and caring learning environment. Additionally, we will be educating students so they know that threat making behaviours are not acceptable as well as teaching youth about school safety.

The Halton District School Board is proud to be able to provide this level of support to our students and is most fortunate to have our community partners working with us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Yaw Obeng', with a horizontal line underneath.

Yaw Obeng  
Superintendent of Education  
Safe & Inclusive Schools  
Halton District School Board