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Dear Parents and Guardians:

As we settle into this new school year, the Surrey School District and the Surrey RCMP want to reaffirm our shared commitment to student safety and wellbeing. Both of our organizations are committed to supporting students and their families, and ensuring that every student has a safe, fun and productive school year.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents and guardians that safety is a shared responsibility. We encourage you to talk to your child about safety and their responsibilities at home, at school and in the community. Unsafe or illegal activities have no place on or off school grounds. This includes:

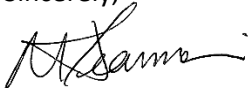
- Bullying, cyberbullying, harassment, threat(s) or intimidation
- Unsafe or dangerous activities
- Violence or discrimination of any form
- Verbal, physical or sexual harassment or abuse
- Theft or vandalism
- Possession or use of intoxicating or banned substances
- Possession or use of weapons (or replica weapons like air soft or BB guns) and explosives

We know that these conversations can be difficult, but they are critical. Please reach out to your school if you need any support. We have also compiled some additional resources that you may find helpful:

- [PSST \(Protecting Surrey Schools Together\)](#): PSST (psst-bc.ca) is a district resource where school safety concerns can be reported confidentially by anyone in our school communities.
- There are a number of youth programs and initiatives to facilitate positive connections between youth, their family, school and the community, including [Code Blue/Mini Blue](#), [Project Lavender](#), [Shattering the Image](#) and the [Wrap Program](#).
- The [Surrey RCMP Parent Helpline](#) (604-599-7800) provides guidance for parents and guardians who believe their child is involved or at risk of becoming involved in criminal activity.
- The Surrey RCMP [Family & Youth Resource Support Team](#) (FYRST) works with youth when they first start to exhibit signs of poor decision-making and need to find attachment to other resources and supports.

We hope you find these resources helpful, and we encourage you to reach out to your school, the district's Safe Schools department or any of the resources above if you need any support or more information.

Sincerely,



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