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Dear Neighbour,

Re: Safe Schools Halloween Initiative

As you know, Halloween is approaching. We are writing to request any assistance you can provide to help us keep our schools and neighbourhood from being vandalized.

In the last school year, the Surrey School District experienced acts of vandalism totaling over **\$400,000**. The Surrey School Board remains focused on reducing this expense and seeks your assistance. By working together to protect our schools, we can ensure that our funds are dedicated to enriching student programs and resources, rather than repairing damage.

While we do our best to educate young people to convince them of the senselessness of vandalism, we are also looking for other ways to deter vandalism at our schools and in the area. One approach is to enlist our neighbours' help to watch for anyone "hanging around" our schools, particularly after dark on Halloween.

For many years, the school district has organized patrols of district staff in which small groups take shifts of an hour or two to walk around the grounds of the school. This small effort does a great deal to deter youth from even approaching our schools.

Please help us out by keeping your eyes and ears open for any activity at our schools and don't hesitate to notify us if you notice people milling about. If there is obvious, active vandalism taking place, please immediately notify police by calling **9-1-1**.

Additional Phone Numbers for Support:

Surrey Police Non-Emergency

604-599-0502

School vandalism affects our entire neighbourhood. Defaced walls or damaged property can be seen by everyone. News reports about such activity generate a public perception about our neighbourhood. Vandals allowed to congregate at a school typically spread their activities to neighbouring homes and vehicles. Vandals frequently choose to return and congregate where they have not encountered any deterrents in the past.

Please join us as we demonstrate to vandals that they are not welcome at our schools, or in our neighbourhood!

Thank you for your help.



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