

## **Violence Threat Risk Assessments (VTRA)**

When a child or youth engages in worrisome or threat-making behaviours, including threatening comments, drawings, gestures, etc. that may pose a safety threat to self or others, a Violence Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) may be conducted. The process to be used is described in the Lethbridge School District No 51 VTRA Protocol: Violence Threat Risk Assessment and Support Manual. Formal training and maintained certification in the process is required.

**The following notice must be included in the information for parents and students on the school website.**

### **Fair Notice of Violence Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA)**

Lethbridge School District No 51 believes in creating safe and caring environments for students and staff. Any incident where a student engages in behaviour which threatens or appears to threaten the safety of others is investigated. Administrators implement a Risk Assessment for behaviours that are worrisome including writing or drawings with violent themes; references to, or involvement in violent activity at, or related to, school; or an increased interest in activities that are deemed as dangerous to the safety of others. A Threat Assessment is implemented when a student threatens to kill or injure others, brings a weapon to school or makes direct verbal or written violent threats to others. The Violence Threat Risk Assessment regulations are outlined in District Policy 502.1 at [www.lethsd.ab.ca](http://www.lethsd.ab.ca).