## Spotlight on Health & Safety



## February Safety Message – Bullying

Providing safe and caring learning environments for students is very important to us. We understand that in order for students to learn, flourish and reach their full potential, they need to feel safe, happy and cared for in a positive learning environment.

The work we do to foster safe and caring learning environments is consistent and on-going through various programs, initiatives, and presentations focused on healthy relationships and personal well-being. Mentorship and leadership programs, student groups, wellness and character education, behaviour support programs, and our focus on citizenship support a culture of respect and kindness in our schools.

In Peace River School Division, we employ divisional Social Workers, Success Coaches and Youth Education Support Workers who support safe and caring schools through regular programming, small groups, conflict resolution, one-on-one support. Our Social Workers, Success Coaches and Youth Education Support Workers also provide a link for our schools and families to access community resources and supports that may be available from various agencies.

As our Safe and Caring policy states "All those involved with the division including trustees, employees, students, parents, volunteers, contractors and visitors must share in the responsibility for eliminating bullying, discrimination, harassment, and violence. The board prohibits bullying and expects allegations of such behaviours to be investigated in a timely and respectful manner."

View PRSD's Board Policy 19 Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning Environment on our website homepage to read Policy 19 in detail.

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