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SCHOOL LOCKDOWN POLICY

The St. James-Assiniboia School Division is committed to ensuring safe learning environments for all staff and students and has protocols in place to assess and act upon threatening comments, behaviours or events.

School lockdowns are a response to immediate physical danger in and around the vicinity of the school. This includes situations where a person or group is out of control, a person or group is in possession of weapons, an unknown trespasser is suspicious and avoiding school authorities or other physical threats exist outside of our control (such as environmental concerns or criminal offenders in the community).

With this in mind, all schools in the Division must have site specific lockdown procedures in place that reflect the national standards as set out by the RCMP. These procedures, as outlined in each school's emergency preparedness manual, must also be updated annually to meet each site's specific needs. These lockdown plans, once updated, are required to be submitted with their emergency preparedness plans to the Board Office.

In addition, each school must practice school lockdowns a minimum of twice yearly. Communication with students, parents and staff prior to the practice of a school lockdown is also required.

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