



The Board of Education of School District #83 (North Okanagan-Shuswap)

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Dear Parents,

In light of the troubling developments that have arisen in Armstrong, we wish to take precautions and inform our communities of the recent events so that we are all taking appropriate proactive safety measures over this Remembrance Day long weekend.

We have been made aware by RCMP Cpl Dan Moskaluk, Senior Media Relations Officer, Southeast/North Districts that, "On Wednesday, November 9th, the Armstrong RCMP Detachment received a letter from an individual who claims to be responsible for Taylor's death and suggests possible further violence against women. At this point in time we will not speculate whether the letter is authentic, though we are working to determine who may have sent it. Our primary concern remains the safety of the public."

The RCMP recommend, "traveling in a group; or asking parents or friends for a ride. Travel areas of the community that have good visibility. Let family or friends know where you are going and when you expect to arrive. If you have a cell phone carry it. Report any suspicious activity right away."

The school district strongly supports this recommendation and also encourages students to not rely on cell phones for sole safety purposes.

We have asked schools to have teachers share this information directly with your child and their classmates so that they are also taking precautions going home from school today and this long weekend.

We are sharing this information with all of our schools as the RCMP feel that not just Armstrong, but also Central and North Okanagan communities need to be aware and alert.

Members of the community are being asked that anyone with information to please come forward and speak with police. Call the RCMP or if you wish to remain anonymous contact CrimeStoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

Thank you,

Dave Witt,
Superintendent of Schools

