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Emergency Protocol Guide

Lock Down—Hold and Secure—Shelter in Place—Emergency Evacuation

Medicine Hat Catholic Schools

The Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education, in partnership with our neighboring School Jurisdictions including Medicine Hat Public School District and Prairie Rose School Division have been working on a joint initiative using common language involving emergency protocols. A shared emergency protocol is now in place.

An Emergency Protocol Guide has been developed and is now being communicated to **Staff, Media & Parents**.

We are pleased to work closely with our education partners in developing this shared emergency protocol strategy. We are confident the common language in the shared protocol will provide consistency when responding to an emergency and better support our crisis communication by providing a consistent message for our parents, our staff and our community.

The use of this shared emergency protocol strategy supports our commitment to:

- *Student safety and well-being;*
- *Clear, timely and accurate communication to staff, parents, students & our community including the media and the police service;*
- *Providing a common understanding in responding to emergent issues;*
- *Cooperating with neighboring school jurisdictions and providing a unified approach when dealing with and responding to emergencies.*

An Emergency Protocol Guide poster will be posted on Division & School websites and visible in our Catholic Schools in key locations including classrooms and school front offices.

We will be working closely with our Staff, Student & Parent community on this new emergency protocol language.

We thank our education partners with this endeavor.

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