



October 25, 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Halloween is nearly here! Please take a moment to read the following costume guidelines. Teachers will go through these points with students and if you could also do the same with your child, it would be very much appreciated.

In light of recent pranks and threats in school districts across Canada and the USA connected to "Creepy Clowns," the following Halloween costumes are not allowed in all SD62 schools this year:

- **No Clowns**
- **No Full face paint**
- **No Masks**
- **No Imitation weapons of any kind**

If anyone shows up in a related costume or brandishing a fake weapon, they will be asked to change/remove item or be sent home.

Students are encouraged to:

- Report odd or suspicious behaviour to their teacher, school principal or RCMP
- Speak to an adult if they are worried or anxious about something
- Think before they post or re/post content online

While we are not aware of any issues or concerns involving our schools at this time, it is important to always be aware of your surroundings and report anything that looks out of place. That, along with our emergency plans and procedures, is how we all partner together to ensure our schools continue to be safe places for our students and staff.

The safety of our students and staff is paramount to all members of our school communities. Thank you for your continued support and diligence in keeping our students safe.

Sincerely,

Jim Cambridge
Superintendent of Schools