

## **SCHOOL SAFETY, LOCKER SEARCHES, POLICE INTERVIEWS**

The Seven Oaks School Division wants its schools to be safe, secure environments that support the intellectual and emotional growth of all its students and staff. Maintaining that environment is a priority in the Division.

Desks and lockers are public property and school authorities may make reasonable regulations regarding their use. Students, however, have the right to privacy in their lockers and desks consistent with the rules which have been established. No school official shall inspect these unless there is a reasonable cause to believe that prohibited articles are kept there. If an inspection takes place, the student or a third party should be present.

The police will not conduct investigations in the schools except when it is absolutely necessary for them to do so in the proper discharge of their duty. They may secure the addresses of students in order to carry on investigations outside the school. When students have to be interviewed by the police at school, the principal of the school or his/her designate shall be present at the interview. The student shall be cautioned with respect to giving evidence to his/her own detriment.

If a student is to be interviewed in the presence of the principal or his/her designate the school will make every reasonable attempt to notify the parent/guardian prior to the interview.