



# F.P. WALSHE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

It has come to our attention that some parents may be considering gathering in front of one of the two Fort Macleod schools on Friday, February 4th, after lunch. While we respect the rights of individuals to respectfully and legally protest government policies and positions we ask that you do not bring the protest to the school property.

Section 256 of the Education Act states under "Prohibited Activities," the following:

*No person shall (a) disturb or interrupt the proceedings of a school, (b) disturb or interrupt the proceedings of a school meeting or board meeting, (c) loiter or trespass in a school building or on property owned by a board, or (d) conduct themselves in a manner detrimental to the safe operations of a school.*

Large gatherings in front of schools pose safety issues for children and staff. They also create distractions from their focus on learning and add anxiety and stress that is not helpful. We discourage you from participating in any protest in front of the school and consider redirecting your desire for change to those who have the authority to decide in these matters.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping to make our schools comfortable places for students to learn and staff to work.

Sincerely,

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