

# Surrey Safe Schools

## Program Resources for Parents

*The Surrey School District is committed to providing safe and caring environments in which all learners can achieve academic excellence, personal growth and responsible citizenship.*

### PARENTS' ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

Safe Schools offers a number of education and prevention presentations for Parents' Advisory Councils. PACs can request in-school presentations by contacting school administration or Safe Schools on the following topics:

1. Youth Gangs
2. Substance Use
3. Internet Safety / Cyber Bullying
4. Bullying
5. Racism and Discrimination
6. Speed & Aggressive Driving
7. Violence Prevention
8. Sexual Exploitation

### PROGRAMS

#### First Step

The First Step Program is a 12-week, classroom-based, youth gang prevention program for elementary students. Safe Schools staff partner with students in Grades 6 and 7 to create, develop, and present gang prevention skits to students, teachers, and parents.

Parents are encouraged to take part in this program by working with their children to increase gang prevention knowledge at home. Parents, students and staff come together for the final evening presentation that takes place at school.

#### Youth Diversity Liaison

The Youth Diversity Liaison Program is a one-to-one support program for youth that are displaying at-risk behaviour. Safe Schools staff are able to work with at-risk youth in schools and in the community. Staff work closely with parents and family to support behaviour, school attachment and achievement. Staff are available to meet with families at school during regular hours, or at home after school as required.

#### Surrey Wrap

The [Surrey Wrap Program](#) is an intensive intervention program for youth that are involved in gangs or gang-associated criminal activities. Safe Schools staff work closely with parents and family to address potential criminal and/or gang-associated behaviour. Staff are available to meet with families at school during regular hours, or at home after school as required.

#### Substance Use Liaison

The Substance Use Liaison Program offers a consistent, relevant drug and alcohol program throughout the district, including a solid continuum of service for substance-using youth and their families. Safe Schools staff offer support to parents/guardians and families as they try to deal with their son or daughter's substance use. Staff are available to meet with families during, or after school, either at home, or at school as required.

#### IR3

The IR3 Program is an alternative to suspension program that offers support for students who have been suspended for the first time. Students are taught about refusal skills, making smart decisions and how to increase self esteem. Parents are invited and encouraged to attend monthly meetings and socials with Safe Schools staff to support the development and positive choices of their children.

#### PSST Website

PSST is a unique, innovative website designed by the Surrey School District in partnership with the Surrey RCMP and sponsored by the BC Lions. The primary goal is to encourage students to get personally involved in ensuring the safety and security of their school. The site (<http://psst-bc.ca/>) was designed for students who want to discuss school safety issues, but want to remain anonymous.

Parents are encouraged to visit the site to explore and review all the resources and supports available to their children and students throughout the Surrey School District.