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TO: CHAIRS OF SCHOOL BOARDS
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Dear Colleagues:

RE: *When Words Are Not Enough: Precursors to Threat: An Early Warning System for School Counsellors*

Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth is pleased to present *When Words Are Not Enough: Precursors to Threat: An Early Warning System for School Counsellors*. This booklet provides a step-by-step approach for an early warning system that may increase early intervention to prevent, delay, or de-escalate impending behaviour that is threatening. It provides information regarding

- observing normal patterns of behaviour
- behavioural indicators that often precede worrisome behaviour
- intervening and referring students for support
- using threat assessment protocols

Upon release, a limited number of additional copies of the booklet will be available from:

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An electronic version of the booklet is available at
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We hope that you find *When Words Are Not Enough: Precursors to Threat: An Early Warning System for School Counsellors* a useful resource. We welcome your comments and invite you to complete the attached feedback form. Please return it to my attention (fax: 204-945-7914).

Sincerely,

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