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To Whom it May Concern;

Bench Elementary School Community has been dealing with a serious issue over the last 24 hours. The issue is concerning a game titled, “the choking game” or “pass out game”.

Potentially, the game could have serious consequences for our students who partake in this game.

We are taking this issue very seriously and have notified the School Board and RCMP School Liaison Officer for further sources of educational information.

Jo Quinlan, School District Counselor, and I have spoken to a number of classes to explain the potential harm of this ‘game’. We believe it to be in the best interest of the students and staff that we educate the students so they can make correct decisions regarding this ‘game’. It is also a balancing act to know when enough information is enough.

Please speak with your child, if you believe age appropriate, regarding this ‘game’ and support their learning through healthy dialogue. There are a number of web sites devoted to this topic, however, the Internet can be a rabbit hole, therefore, navigate wisely.

Bench staff is here to support the safety and learning of all children at Bench.

Sincerely,

Joseph Boudreau
Principal