Dear Rick Hansen Secondary Community,

This letter is to inform you that on **Thursday, December 1, 2022, the Abbotsford Police Department and ICBC will be hosting a Mock Crash** on Townline Road between the school parking lot entrance and Blueridge Drive (see map). This event intends to bring awareness to the importance of road safety in our community and highlight the dangers of impaired and distracted driving. This mock accident will impact the southbound lanes on Townline Road for approximately one hour and traffic will be diverted.

The Abbotsford Police Department and ICBC will prepare the mock crash scene with local fire, emergency and rescue squads that serve the Abbotsford School District. The event will take place over our lunch hour, and we will be making announcements to students and staff beforehand to remind them of the staged incident taking place**. Attendance at this event is entirely optional.** As an added layer of awareness, we will make announcements in the morning and before lunch, reminding students that **this is a mock crash and not real**.

While we believe this is a valuable reminder for our school community, we also realize that this could be traumatic for some. With that in mind, we will have counsellors available and members from our Abbotsford Youth Squad out speaking with students and answering any questions students may have.

The scenario will occur as follows:

1. Mock Crash is setup along Townline Road at approximately 11:00 am
2. At approximately 11:30, an announcement will be made reminding students of the mock crash
3. Actors will role play within the mock crash scene complete with makeup providing real-life looking injuries to the actors
4. All first responders (Fire, EHS, & Police) are staged to respond
5. First responders will play out the scenario as any crash would be attended
6. The media will be present and capture the scenario
7. Once the “victims” leave in ambulance, first responders close the scenario (approx. 12:00pm)
8. Following the scenario after lunch, students will participate in a road safety assembly
9. Counsellors will be available throughout

We would like to be clear that no students, staff, or community members will be harmed, and that this accident is entirely staged.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Thank you,

Mrs. Jaimie Webster

Acting Principal