Problem Description:
Stratford High School, 8715-153 Street from 94 Aug 31 to 94 Oct 26 had approximately ten complaints of minor assaults, threats, harassment and intimidation. All were noted to both the principal and to Cst. Stokker. A traditional approach was to react to the problem by meeting with all the students involved. This was not proving to be effective as the problems continued.

Problem solving strategies and results:

In a team approach, I worked with the principal. A meeting with the parents and students, if they wished to attend, was set up for 94 Nov 02. Personal letters were sent to the parents of both aggressive students and their victims.

The meeting was held 94 Nov 2. A number of options were discussed, however, the strength was advising parents that other parents shared their concerns. Word quickly spread through the student population that this behavior would not be tolerated by the school or by the parents. The results have been most favorable. There has been no complaints from students involved of being assaulted or threatened/harassed. Parents are now talking amongst themselves and the school has become more peaceful. Attached is a copy of the letter sent to parents and options made available at the meeting.