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Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

We are writing to inform you of a new Netflix series some of our students may be watching. The series titled 13 Reasons Why is based on a book and is the story of a teenager who commits suicide. The series depicts difficult and sensitive topics, such as suicide, bullying, rape and drunk driving.

We are reaching out to make you aware of this show. We do not recommend that youth watch this series due to the sensitive nature of the topics discussed. However, if students are watching the series engaging in thoughtful conversations with them about the show is vital. Doing so presents an opportunity to help them process the issues addressed, including the consequences of certain choices.

Below are resources to assist parents with this difficult topic:

See Preventing Youth Suicide Brief Facts: <http://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources/school-safety-and-crisis/preventing-youth-suicide>

Preventing Youth Suicide – Tips for Parents & Educators: <http://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources/school-safety-and-crisis/preventing-youth-suicide/preventing-youth-suicide-tips-for-parents-and-educators>

The school social workers, school psychologists and school counselors are available to speak with you and your child about these important issues. Please contact them at any time.

Thank you,

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