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Dear Parents and Guardians of the 5th through 8th Grade Students,

Even though it is intended for adults, a Netflix television series entitled “13 Reasons Why” has acquired a large adolescent audience. The series is about a young girl who commits suicide and who leaves behind 13 cassette tapes to those whom she blames for her death. Because it graphically fictionalizes disturbing topics, its popularity is raising concern among educators and mental health professionals. A significant number of the program’s young audience lacks the perspective that its content requires.

For this reason, we are reaching out to both alert you and offer certain resources that might be useful to you should you choose to talk to your child about these issues.

Sincerely,

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Interim Superintendent

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