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Dear Parents/Guardians,

A new Netflix Series, **13 Reasons Why**, is becoming popular with many middle school and high school students. It is the story of a 17 year old girl who dies by suicide and leaves detailed cassette tapes highlighting why she took her own life. The series has received criticism in that it glamorizes teen suicide in a dramatic manner. The series has been rated TV-MA for mature audiences. A number of concerns about the show have been raised by professional organizations. (see <https://www.rocketcitymom.com/librarians-take-13-reasons/>)

Specifically, the show does not properly address important aspects of mental health. It serves to sensationalize mental health issues and adolescent behavior. The show also depicts school officials as ineffective in addressing student needs. We want you to know that all members of our guidance, administrative, and teaching faculties will always be responsive to our students, especially those who call out for help. As always, please reach out to us whenever you feel the need.

If your child has already viewed the series, or if you wish to have a discussion about the series, the link below provides some **Talking Points** about **13 Reasons Why**.

https://www.save.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/13RW-Talking-Points-Final_v5.pdf?utm_source=Weekly+Spark+4%2F7%2F17&utm_campaign=Weekly+Spark+April+7%2C+2017&utm_medium=email

You are able to add parental controls to your Netflix accounts and block all shows and movies of a particular rating to help make sure your children aren't able to view content that is inappropriate and intended for mature audiences: <https://help.netflix.com/en/node/264>. Given that your children are already in high school, you will need to consider how and if you want to exercise this option.

In addition, we've attached a letter from the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) regarding the series – specifically, pages three and four have guidance for students and families.

Respectfully,

Susan Elliott