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Dear Parents,

You may have heard about the Netflix television series, “13 Reasons Why,” which has gained a large following by teens and pre-teens. The show portrays a young woman who is experiencing turmoil and who dies by suicide at the end of the series. While the audience is not intended for school-age children, it has come to our attention that many students are viewing the show either with or without supervision.

We in Fulton County Schools feel a compelling need to communicate about this given the seriousness of the topic. We are including the following two links for our schools and for you as a parent to use to talk with your children about the content in the show and about how they can seek help if they need it. We care about our students and are deeply committed to suicide prevention.

We have implemented “Signs of Suicide,” an evidence-based suicide prevention tool, in our middle and high schools, and we encourage students to use the steps of “Acknowledge,” “Care,” and “Tell” a trusted adult when they are in crisis. Suicide prevention involves all of us, and we would not want some of the “reasons why” from this show to ring true for our students.

Please reference the links below and use them to talk with your students about this topic. Counselors, social workers and school psychologists in Fulton County Schools may also assist with linkages to professionals who may help.

- Why We Need to Talk about 13 Reasons Why <http://mailchi.mp/931a259224c8/13-reasons-why-talking-points?e=%5bUNIQID>
- “13 Reasons Why” Netflix Series: Considerations for Educators <http://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources/school-safety-and-crisis/preventing-youth-suicide/13-reasons-why-netflix-series-considerations-for-educators>

If you are concerned about your student or believe your student needs immediate help, please reach out to 1-800-715-4225, Georgia Crisis & Access Line, and/or the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Phone Number: 1-800-273-8255.

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