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Dear Bloomfield Families

There has been much media and discussion about the Netflix series, "13 Reasons Why". You may or may not have heard about the series already but we would like to share some concerns as well as some resources for families. The series is based on a fictional book about a teen who commits suicide. It details very graphic themes regarding suicide, bullying, alcohol/drug use and other social issues our teens are faced with. Please note that the series is rated TV-MA (signifying for mature audiences).

Our concern as a district is that series does not provide appropriate responses to suicide nor does it offer teens or families any resources. We encourage our families to take the opportunity to have those important conversations with their teens. We also want you to be aware that many elementary students are watching as well, you should be informed of the graphic nature of the way suicide is depicted.

On our district Home Page there is a link to resources. You will find "13 Reasons Why Talking Points" from the Suicide Awareness Voices of Education (SAVE) and the National Assoc. of School Psychologists.

We encourage you to talk to your children and utilize these resources. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me directly.

Sincerely,



Linda Colucci, M.Ed.  
Director of Special Services

Cc: Salvatore Goncalves Superintendent of Schools