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Dear Parents and Guardians:

This letter is to make you aware that the popular Netflix series, *13 Reasons Why*, will launch its second season beginning on May 18, 2018. You may recall receiving a letter from the District last April advising our parents that this miniseries addresses mature themes, including sexual assault, suicide, alcohol and substance abuse, bullying and extreme violence.

The attached press release from the National Association of School Psychologists, advises that this “intense, graphic portrayal of difficult issues involving youth present both the risk of triggering harmful behaviors among some vulnerable youth and the opportunity for adults to engage in meaningful and supportive discussions with youth about these issues.” I am encouraging all parents and guardians to read the NASP press release which includes a tool kit and general guidance information. *“It is strongly recommended by NASP that vulnerable children and youth (such as those suffering from depression, previous suicidal behavior, or trauma) not watch this series, and most certainly, not watch it alone”.* We urge parents to research the series and beware of its potential impact.

Thank you for your attention to this very important matter. Should you feel the need for more information or support, please contact my office at (845) 353-7015.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools

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Attachment

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Si le hace falta información traducida en español, llame a Yesenia Polanco 353-7042.**