



QUINCY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Richard DeCristofaro, Ed.D., Superintendent

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

As a school community we would like to inform you about a Netflix series called *Thirteen Reasons Why* that was launched on March 31st and is being viewed by many of our students. The series contains graphic content that some students may find disturbing. These topics include suicide, depression, self-injury, rape, substance use, and dating violence.

We are notifying you of this program to enable you to make informed decisions regarding viewing the series. In the event your child chooses to view *13 Reasons Why*, you may wish to discuss some of the issues raised. Please note that this letter is not a recommendation to view or not to view this series; it is intended only to provide you with information we feel is relevant to the health and well-being of our students. As parents and guardians you will make that determination based on your student's needs and level of maturity.

Below are some resources for review so that you can decide if the series is appropriate for your student and ways you can support your student in understanding the complicated issues this series raises. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to your student's guidance counselor if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Maureen MacNeil, Principal

Adam Wolf, Assistant Principal

From Riverside Trauma Center: Parent Materials: <http://riversidetraumacenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/13ReasonsWhy.pdf>

From the Jed Foundation: <https://www.jedfoundation.org/13-reasons-jed-point-view/>
<https://www.jedfoundation.org/13-reasons-why-talking-points/>

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