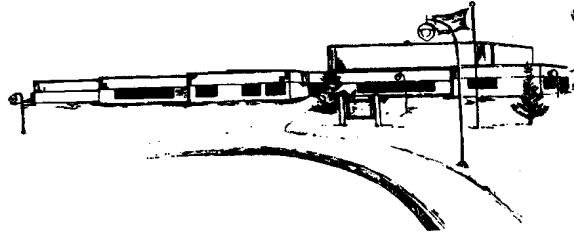


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Dear Parents and Guardians:

The health, safety and welfare of our students is the highest priority in the Fabius-Pompey Central School District. We want to provide our students with appropriate social and emotional support, and with that in mind we want to make you aware of something that has garnered a lot of national attention, the Netflix series entitled, "13 Reasons Why".

The show is based upon the 2007 young adult fiction novel, and is centered on the suicide of a high school student and the 13 audio recordings she left behind explaining why she took her own life. There is a concern amongst parents, educators, and mental health professionals that the show provides a romanticized account of suicide, or at the very least shows it to be a viable option. Without proper guidance, students might have difficulty processing some of the themes within the show as it is quite graphic in nature, as it addresses themes such as suicide, bullying, rape and drunk driving.

We encourage parents to research the series and understand what your child might be exposed to, whether watching the Netflix show, or through social media and dangerous elements on-line. Find out if your child has watched the series, or read the book, and this can be a good opportunity to talk with your child about the very significant and mature themes. There are many resources that can help you discuss these issues, and we have included some of these resources, (and some others can be found on our website, www.fabiuspompey.org) that should help you to better understand the series and have meaningful conversations with your child.

If you have questions or concerns, or want your child to speak with a member of our counseling department, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Sincerely,

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