

# *Chenango Valley Central School District*

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Dear Families,

Chenango Valley continues to care for the whole child in our district. The emotional and physical health of our students is of critical importance to us and to you. When we are aware of potential risk factors that may impact our students, we want to reach out to all of you, our partners in educating the whole child, to make you aware of such factors.

There has been increased media attention and conversation on a new Netflix series entitled *13 Reasons Why*. The series is based on a young adult novel with the same name and follows the main character, 17-year-old Hannah Baker, as she decides to take her life. She leaves audio recordings for the 13 people who she says played a part in her decision to commit suicide.

The series' premise and content are disturbing. We wanted you to be aware that many middle and high school students are watching it without adult supervision. We are providing all district families, K-12, with a resource document from the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) (enclosed) that provides guidance and cautionary advice regarding this series. We would ask that you continue to be vigilant in the viewing choices your children are making and talk with your children about their choices.

Again, as a partner in educating your child, we wanted you to be aware of this series and share resources with you that you may find helpful when talking with your children. Our district's mental health professionals are always available to speak with your child should they need additional in-school support.

Sincerely,

David P. Gill  
Superintendent

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