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Dear HCHS Parent/Guardian:

The purpose of this letter is to give you information on causes and warning signs for teen suicide prevention. The fact of the matter is that over 1,200 teenagers die by suicide each year in the United States. As of last school year, the state of Kentucky now mandates that every high school and middle school provide training for both staff and students on the causes and warning signs of teen suicide. We have already had training for the staff and are working each day, like any other year before, to help our students that may be going through difficult times and/or have made comments related to suicide.

**This year, we are leaving it up to our parents/guardians to inform us whether you want us to train your child on this very delicate topic.** To do this in large groups, we fear that we may bring too much attention to the subject. That is where we are asking for your help. We feel that this discussion should at least start at home.

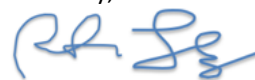
Please take time to visit the web-links below if you have access to the internet at home or at work. One is a detailed description for what teens can do to help themselves or their friends. Another is a Kentucky Suicide Prevention link that gives both parents and educators support in preventing suicide in our youth. We will also be using some educational resources this year from the Society for the Prevention of Teen Suicide. These are all very good resources and we encourage you to take the time to go over each.

- [www.sprc.org/](http://www.sprc.org/)
- [www.kentuckysuicideprevention.org/](http://www.kentuckysuicideprevention.org/)
- [www.sptsusa.org/](http://www.sptsusa.org/) (Please watch the video "Not My Kid" for helpful tips.)

We will continue to provide help for our students on a daily basis as we see the warning signs ourselves. Our teachers and staff have all been trained to "play it safe" and report any student that they feel may be in danger to either Tom Magan, our guidance counselor, or Laura Kessans, our Family Resource & Youth Service Center Coordinator.

**If you would prefer that your child be counseled or trained on signs of suicide, please contact Tom Magan and let him know.** He will either counsel your child one-on-one or in a small group setting, whichever is determined to have the most impact for your child. If you have any questions or need further information regarding Suicide Prevention, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



Rick Lasley, Principal

"Preparing Students for **Success** in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century"