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Patrick Sanchez, Superintendent

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Per state policy and with student safety in mind during these trying times, Reef-Sunset Unified School District will be delivering lessons on Suicide Prevention for K-12th grade. These materials will be age appropriate for every grade level. According to the latest 2013 data from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, suicide is the second leading cause of death for youth and young adults 10-24 years of age.

Lessons will be facilitated by school mental health professionals and delivered by teachers during school hours and will aim to equip students with the tools and resources to access school-based and community mental health professionals for themselves and/or others in need.

Should your child need crisis services, you may contact **KIND Center** by calling 559-235-9239. You may also utilize the **National Suicide Prevention Hotline** by calling 800-273-8255 or send text to 988. Student safety is of utmost importance in RSUSD and with your help, we can continue to keep students safe and learning. If you have any questions/concerns about this presentation, please contact your school's School Psychologist.

Thank you,

Reef-Sunset Unified School District
Learning Services