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A Message from Chief Knight

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TEEN SUICIDE / DEPRESSION INFORMATION:

With the school year coming to an end and summer starting there is excitement in the schools, and with our students. However, some students may not have a stable home life as others and may be dealing with depression, and other emotional issues over the summer.

The reasons behind teen suicide or attempted suicide can be complex. Although suicide is relatively rare among children, the rate of suicides and suicide attempts increases tremendously during adolescence. Suicide is the third-leading cause of death for 15 to 24 year-olds, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), surpassed only by accidents and homicide.

The risk of suicide increases dramatically when kids and teens have access to firearms at home, and nearly 60% of all suicides in the United States are committed with a gun. That's why any gun in your home should be unloaded, locked, and kept out of the reach of children and teens. Ammunition should be stored and locked apart from the gun, and the keys for both should be kept in a different area from where you store your household keys. Always keep the keys to any firearms out of the reach of children and adolescents (*source: kidshealth.org*)

If you know of a student that is need of services over the summer we have included some agencies that can offer assistance.

Carver County Mental Health

952.442.7601

Chaska Police Department

952.448.4200

Carver County Social Services

952.361.1600

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

1.800.273.8255

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***PLEASE NOTE ***

These are only suggestions and recommendations from the Chaska Police Department.

HAVE AN ENJOYABLE AND SAFE SUMMER!!

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