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Dear Parents/Guardians,

RE: Safety and Violence Education Students (SAVE Students) Act

Ohio's 133rd General Assembly enacted House Bill 123, the "Safety and Violence Education Students (SAVE Students) Act," regarding school security and youth suicide awareness education and training. The state legislation calls for a comprehensive approach to school safety involving the Ohio departments of Education, Public Safety, Mental Health and Addiction Services and Attorney General's Office.

Starting in the 2023-2024 school year, grades 6 through 12 must include at least one class period per school year of evidence-based instruction in each of the following topics:

1. suicide awareness and prevention
2. safety training and violence prevention
3. social inclusion

For the instruction required under this section, the local board must use a training program approved by the Ohio Department of Education. Parents may opt their children out of the instruction. Rittman MS-HS has chosen the following state approved programs: SOS (Signs of Suicide) and Sandy Hook Promise - Start With Hello. Should you have any questions or would like to opt your child out, please contact the main office.

Sincerely,

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Nick Evans, Principal
Rittman High School

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amy Sanders".

Amy Sanders, Principal
Rittman Middle School