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October 31, 2017

**Re: Special *Listen* Movie Screening and Discussion with Film Director**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On **November 8, 2017**, **Boyd Anderson High School** will present a screening of the movie *Listen* followed by an interactive discussion with the film's director, Erahm Christopher, and an anonymous fifteen question post-screen survey. The program provides students and educators with a critical understanding and awareness of relevant mental health issues. Themes covered in the film include bullying, cyber bullying, body image, self-harm, racism, gang violence and suicide. The discussion following the film will provide the students with a chance to ask the film's director questions and voice their thoughts and feelings about the issues featured in the film. The purpose of the program is to raise critical awareness of mental health, listening to others, and caring about others. Additionally, students will be asked to voluntarily complete a post survey related to the film. Ultimately, we want to challenge our students and educators to launch a courageous conversation about mental health in order to create a safer more connected school community. We will collect post-screening response data from participating students, educators and parents to discover how the film impacted the viewers. Aside from a gender selection, no personal identifying information will be collected from the participants completing the surveys. All survey responses will be completely anonymous.

Opt-out Option:

This film has been viewed in high schools across the United States and Canada and it has an unofficial PG-13 rating for some language and strong themes such as suicide and violence. If for any reason you do not want your child to participate in this program, *you may opt out by signing and returning the attached slip to the study hall teacher by November 2nd*. We will ensure your student will not attend the screening.

High schools across our school district will host a *Listen* movie screening throughout this semester. Parents are invited to attend our evening screening which will take place at Dillard High School on Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. **In addition, we will have additional evening screenings across the district** hosted at one high school each week. You may contact my office to find out about the parent screening schedule at **754-322-0200**. To learn more about the film please visit: [www.listenthemovie.com](http://www.listenthemovie.com) and to learn more about the film's director please visit: [www.ec-films.com](http://www.ec-films.com).

Thank you in advance for your support and we hope to see you at one of the screenings.

Sincerely,

Angel Almanzar, Ed.D.  
Principal



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**OPT-OUT SLIP** (Return to Study Hall Teacher)

I do not want my child (print) \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the screening or complete  
the post survey of the *Listen* movie on November 8, 2017.

Signature parent/guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_