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Dear Tully Parents,

It has been reported by many news and media outlets that YouTube and YouTube Kids have video content containing instructions that encourage dangerous challenges and risky behavior amongst children. Reports indicate that the videos begin with child/student-directed content, and then an individual appears on the screen with instructions promoting dangerous behavior or other illegal actions. No specific pattern has been identified to determine the types of videos in which the content is being embedded nor has the source been identified.

We have taken steps with our monitoring software at both the Elementary and JSHS to identify students trying to access some of this content and we will intervene accordingly. While no filtering or monitoring system is perfect, we will continue to monitor and work to improve internet safety for our students. Faculty will continue to monitor students' computer usage during school and report to Administration any suspicious videos or student interactions that they become aware of regarding this issue. We have decided not to identify specific internet memes/videos because we do not want to sensationalize harmful content or give students more potentially harmful content to explore.

As always, your continued support of our schools is greatly appreciated. We ask for your help with reinforcing responsible use of technology with your child during their leisure time at home and as well as encouraging your child to alert an adult to any inappropriate content they encounter. Below are some helpful links on Internet safety that you may find useful.

<http://www.nysed.gov/edtech/internet-safety-and-cyberbullying>

<https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/topics/protecting-kids-online>

<https://www.netSMART.org/Home>

As we trust you know, our school district will continue to be vigilant in ensuring the safety of your children. If you have any questions and or concerns regarding internet safety, please do not hesitate to contact your child's school.

Thank you!

Tully Central School District