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Dear Parents/Persons in Parental Relation:

As you may be aware, the news media have been reporting on a potentially harmful social media trend called the “Momo Challenge,” which involves a scary “Momo” figure that has been inserted into children’s videos or messaging apps and encourages children to undertake risky behaviors, including suicide to avoid being “cursed.”

Although many news outlets are denying the authenticity of this type of social media trend, we acknowledge that viral social media worries are an unfortunate reality of the modern landscape. Nonetheless, this does present an opportunity to speak with our children about internet safety, inappropriate vs. appropriate content, and positive connections.

Also, please know that we employ filters and other tools in the agency to help students have a safe online experience when engaged in learning on school district devices.

Below are links to resources that may help inform your conversations with your child at home:

[Social Media Resources](#) (Common Sense Media)

[Internet Safety](#) (New York State Education Department)

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child’s building principal.

Sincerely,

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