Dear Parents and Guardians,

In May of 2016, Alabama became the 18th state to pass the Jason Flatt Law. Governor Bentley signed this act into law recognizing that youth suicide cuts across ethnic, economic, social and age boundaries. It has a profound impact on surviving family members, friends, and the community at large. In an effort to combat this issue, each school system in Alabama is required to provide education related to this topic. Your child’s school will discuss with your student the characteristics of being depressed, sign(s) of withdrawal, and coping skills. Please do not hesitate to contact your child’s school with any questions or concerns regarding this manner.

Sincerely,

Shane Barnette
Cullman County Schools Superintendent