**Youth Suicide Permission Parent Information Letter**

August 26, 2014

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The purpose of this letter is to inform parents/guardians that their child’s health class will include a Youth Suicide Prevention Program from The Jason Foundation called “A Promise for Tomorrow”. The Jason Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to the prevention of youth suicide through educational programs.

“A Promise for Tomorrow,” presents a positive look at how students can help friends who may be depressed or having suicidal thoughts. The curriculum includes the following topics: current statistics and common myths about youth suicide, the five main warning signs associated with suicidal thoughts, ways to help a friend who is depressed or may be considering suicide, and resources available to help depressed or suicidal friends. Content in the curriculum is designed for students in middle school and high school. You are invited to browse the information presented on The Jason Foundation’s webpage, [www.jasonfoundation.com](http://www.jasonfoundation.com).

If you choose to remove your child from the classroom during this unit, there will not be a penalty on his or her grade, but your student will be given an alternative activity during the class period.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns that you may have at phone number 817-299-6400 or email taylorbjohnson@misdmail.org.

Thank you,

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