



Elmont Union Free School District

REACHING AND TEACHING FOR EXCELLENCE

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Dear Parents/ Guardians:

A recent social medial challenge targeting children and young adults called “The Momo Challenge”, has created concern throughout the country due to its disturbing nature. The purpose of this letter is to make sure you are aware of this challenge, provide you with information about it, and **urge you to continue to monitor your child’s use of social media and the Internet.**

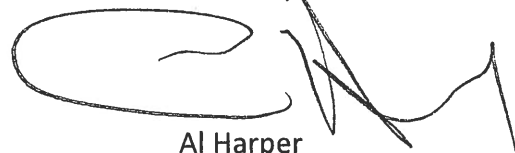
“The Momo Challenge”, a game found on Facebook, Fortnite, YouTube and the app “WhatsApp”, features a frightening avatar who asks its viewers to perform various tasks and provide photos as proof. The “Momo” threatens those who do not perform the tasks.

We appreciate you taking the time to read this important information and for working with us to help keep all of the children in our community safe. In and effort to keep you informed, we offer the following safety tips:

- Set privacy settings for all social media and gaming applications
- Keep video games and YouTube watching in shared family spaces
- Set up video game restrictions to “friends only”
- Visit other internet safety resources like Family Online Safety Institute, Common Sense Media, Creating a Family Media Plan (American Academy of Pediatrics), Teaching Kids About Internet Safety (GCFLearnFree.org), and Talking With Kids About Being Online (Federal Trade Commission)
- Review New York State’s cybersafety resources for children at [https://its.ny.gov/keeping-kids safe](https://its.ny.gov/keeping-kids-safe)

Thank you for taking the time to read this important information. If you have questions or concerns, please contact your child’s principal.

Sincerely,



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