

Teachers,

Attached is a link to the Human Trafficking Awareness PowerPoint that needs to be shared with your students on Wednesday 3/27/24. Please push this link out to your students through your Google classroom or email. Though late with this new state mandated initiative this school year, there is hope to maintain consistency in the future.

Please read the following script to the students

From the UCHS Counseling Department, January is Human Trafficking Prevention Month. During this nationally designated observance designed to educate the public about human trafficking. It is important to inform our students of the role they can play in preventing and responding to it.

As a result, each school year, students will receive a presentation about human trafficking and prevention. Georgia's Senate Bill 287 mandates that all students in grades 6 to 12 receive yearly instruction concerning human trafficking education and awareness. This is a very important mandate and effort to combat the issue across our state.

All communities, whether urban, rural, or suburban are vulnerable to this injustice. Students are one of the highest-risk populations and traffickers are targeting them to become both victims and perpetrators. We can save lives by teaching students how to recognize the warning signs of human trafficking and who to contact for assistance.

Please view the PowerPoint with all seriousness that a topic like this deserves. There are resources within the PowerPoint that can help you seek immediate assistance whether through a phone call or the survey at the end.

Thank you in advance for your diligence and dedication to keeping yourself and others safe.