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Families and community invited to free film “Screenagers”

***Education Foundation of Sarasota County sponsors award-winning film
about growing up in digital age***

(SARASOTA, Fla.) Oct. 15, 2018 -- The Education Foundation of Sarasota County invites the community to a free screening of the award-winning documentary, “Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age.”

The film will be shown Oct. 22 from 6 to 8 p.m. at North Port High School (NPHS) auditorium and Oct. 23 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Riverview High School (RHS) auditorium.

Admission is free but online reservations are required. Tickets can be reserved for the Oct. 22 NPHS screening at tinyurl.com/NPHSscreenagers and for the Oct. 23 RHS screening at tinyurl.com/RHSscreenagers.

The movie, directed by physician and filmmaker Delaney Ruston, is the first feature documentary to explore the impact of screen technology on kids and offer parents and families proven solutions that work.

“Screenagers” explores how tech time impacts kids’ development and includes solutions for how adults can empower their kids to navigate and find balance in the digital world.

An interactive question-and-answer session will be held immediately following the screenings. Panelists include subject-matter experts in the fields of child psychology, education, cybersecurity and public safety.

“Screenagers” has been screened more than 6,000 times to two million people in more than 50 countries. Interwoven into stories of families struggling over usage of social media, video games, academics, and Internet addiction are cutting-edge insights from thought-leaders and brain scientists who present evidence on the changes in the brain when kids are on screens.

The film goes beyond exposing risks to reveal multiple approaches about how parents and educators can work respectfully with kids to help them achieve a healthy amount of screen time.

The film is suggested for students in the fourth grade and higher and for parents, grandparents, other family members, teachers and anyone interested in understanding and promoting healthy social-emotional learning behaviors in students.

About the Education Foundation

The Education Foundation of Sarasota County is an independent partner working to advance philanthropic support for Sarasota County Schools. Its mission is to enhance the potential of students, promote excellence in teaching and inspire innovation in education. Guided by the belief that education changes lives, the Education Foundation strives to match each donor's passion with high-impact projects created to ensure students graduate with purpose and are prepared for a postsecondary pathway. The Education Foundation of Sarasota County and its philanthropic investors are champions for students, teachers and schools. For more information on how to be a champion for education, visit EdFoundationSRQ.org.

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