



Direction to Principals Regarding President Obama's Address to Schoolchildren on Tuesday, September 8:

On September 8, the President will deliver a message to school children. The decision to watch the program is one of teacher choice as per Board Policy 430. If teachers would like to show the President's address, they may do so. If the teacher has planned other activities, they may follow their lesson plans for the day.

Students who wish to opt out of this address may do so. They will need to bring a note from their parent stating that they do not wish for their child to participate in activities related to the speech. Please allow students to go to the library or other designated location. Obviously, no comments are to be made to students regarding their Freedom of Speech choice.

After the address, a short discussion or a writing assignment is fine. If a writing assignment is included, please use the following writing prompt provided by the Department of Education:

"Write a letter to yourself about how you can achieve your education goals."

Then the regular instructional day will resume.

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