



# Kingsview Middle School

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Dear Kingsview Parents/Guardians;

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This week the U.S. Department of Education announced that on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, President Barack Obama will address the nation's school students about persisting and succeeding in school, a message that suggests to be aligned with our own mission and goals here at "the View".

**Kingsview Middle School will provide all students with an opportunity to hear President Obama's message on Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, through World Studies/U.S. History classes.** Teachers will show the 15-20 minute address and will lead students through an activity and discussion about the President's message and how it impacts students' beliefs about their own plan for achievement. Showing the address one day following the live telecast will afford you the opportunity to listen to the address yourselves and to have conversations with your children about the message. Families will also have an opportunity to talk about succeeding in school and setting high educational goals, and how our beliefs in these ideas are conveyed by our actions and character.

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Additional information about the Presidential address along with sample classroom activities is available on the Internet at <http://www.ed.gov/admins/lead/academic/bts.html> .

We have established an alternative location and activity for students whose parents do not wish for their children to participate in the viewing of the Presidential address and related activities and discussions. **If you would like for your child to opt-out of the presentation, please send the bottom portion of this letter to school with your child on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> to give to his/her first period teacher.** An alternative activity will be provided in the Media Center during the period which students have World Studies/ U.S. History class.

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If you would like for your student to participate, you do not need to take additional action at this time. Thank you for your consideration!

All the best,

Elizabeth L. Thomas, Principal

Heather Cohen  
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Dear Staff;

In lieu of viewing the Presidential address, I would like for my child to participate in the ALTERNATIVE ACTIVITY during his/her World Studies/ U.S. History class on Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.



Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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