
FERGUS FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents;

President Obama's address to students at 11 am on Tuesday, September 8 is causing controversy on a national level. Our office has received a few calls about it from concerned parents.

The District's plan is to have our technology department tape the event. It is always appropriate to preview curriculum, movies, video's, etc before using them for instruction. We are told the message will focus on studying hard, having high aspirations and to be good students.

If the message stays in the spirit of its intent, faculty will have the option to use it at a future time and date when they feel it is appropriate as part of a lesson or to encourage their students. Staff will be required to inform parents that this will be shown in their classroom and parents will be invited to attend or to allow their child to opt out of this lesson with no negative consequences.

Please contact my office if you have any questions.

Partners in Education,



Gerald Ness, Superintendent

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Where Excellence is Expected”***