



Granite School District News Release

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Information about President Obama's address to U. S. schoolchildren

The following information from Superintendent Stephen S. Ronnenkamp has been posted on the Granite School District website (www.graniteschools.org). A letter will be sent home with students Friday afternoon from schools planning to air the speech. The administration plans to post a transcript of the speech Monday, September 7, on www.whitehouse.gov.

“At 10 a.m. on Tuesday, September 8, the President of the United States will deliver a national address to schoolchildren on the importance of education. He will challenge students to set educational goals, work hard and take responsibility for their learning. President Obama will advocate that all children receive the best education possible so they can compete for good jobs and live rewarding and productive lives in their communities.

“The speech will be broadcast on C-SPAN and via the White House website, www.whitehouse.gov/live.

“Principals and teachers in Granite District schools will determine to what extent their schools will be involved, based on the ability to tie the experience to curriculum and broadcast capability. Parents will receive notification from their principal on Friday afternoon if the presentation will be made available at their school.

“Information on the planned speech is available at www.ed.gov and www.whitehouse.gov. Parents can ask that their children be excused from watching the broadcast. Parents can contact the principal of their school to make this request. Children who are excused will be provided other learning opportunities.

“Parents are also welcome to come to the school and watch the broadcast with their children. Please call the school to make those arrangements. We encourage families who view the address to discuss together issues such as taking responsibility for learning.”

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