



State of Vermont
Vermont Department of Education
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Dear Principals and Superintendents,

President Barack Obama will be delivering an address to our nation's children on Tuesday, September 8, 2009. This address will be broadcast through the White House Web site and televised on the public affairs network of C-SPAN. According to the U.S. Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan, "The President will challenge students to work hard, set educational goals, and take responsibility for their learning." The President will also call for shared responsibility and commitment on the part of students, parents and educators to ensure that every child receives the best education possible so they can compete in the global economy and live rewarding and productive lives as American citizens. I support the message the President is conveying to the students of Vermont.

I encourage you to participate and give your students the opportunity to hear the President of the United States deliver a motivational message to help students succeed in school.

However, the decision is a local decision that needs to be made by you as superintendents and principals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Armando Vilaseca".

Armando Vilaseca
Commissioner of Education