

**here is the email reply (ThomG) recently received from SD 271 Superintendent Hazel Bauman:**

“Thanks for your e-mail I think we have a misunderstanding we are not banning the Presidents speech but just asking that we notify parents ahead of time. Unfortunately Janet Feiler did send out an erroneous message about parental permission but amended that late Friday. We never believed that seeking parental permission was appropriate but did all agree that parent notification was a good idea so that any family who did not want to participate could let us know and we would provide an alternate activity.

It is totally up to the teachers across the district as to whether to show the speech. I do realize that trying to notify parents before school started is a challenge but I am hopeful that we can send out an electronic notification and show the speech a little later this week if a teacher would want to do this and I hope they do..

Rosie contacted all secondary principals personally to relay this message last week. LCHS decided to use their autodialer and website to notify their parents and I believe they showed the speech to their entire student body this morning. This option was discussed with all Principals although I do know not all schools have autodialers.

I am in total support of the Presidents message I am disappointed that this became so political across our nation and here in our community. I hope our protocol is seen as a compromise and a good faith effort to show the speech while respecting the differing values in our community.

Thanks for you comments -- Hazel”