September 4, 2009

Dear Parents,

President Obama has announced he will deliver a nationally televised address for students on the importance of education this Tuesday, September 8th, at noon. We understand that in his approximately 20-minute address, he will call for shared responsibility and commitment on the part of students, parents, and educators to ensure that every child in every school receives the best education possible. This time frame presents a scheduling problem with our lunch schedules, and we are looking at alternatives for this message.

As a school district, and in the same spirit as the President’s intended message, we have worked hard to build strong home/school partnerships and to challenge all of our students to do their very best. We believe the President’s address would be the most beneficial if you choose to view it together at home as a family. We encourage the discussion with your children around the importance of education and goal-setting could be both meaningful and appropriate. Therefore, we have arranged to provide a link to a copy of the President’s address on the Chestnut Ridge District website at www.crsd.k12.pa.us so that, if you choose to watch the speech at home, you will have easy access.

We look forward to working with you this year to make your children’s educational experience the best it can be. If you should have any further questions, I encourage you to speak to your child’s teacher or principal.

Sincerely,

Joseph K. Kimmel, Superintendent of Schools