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Dear Parents and Guardians:

During the week of June 22nd, students in Grade 7 will watch the film adaptation of *The Giver*, our current classroom novel.

The Giver, by Lois Lowry, is a dystopian novel set in what initially appears to be a utopian society. The novel explores the effects of a totalitarian system that seeks to establish a utopia through control of many elements that impact its citizens. Lowry's novel was the winner of the 1994 Newbery Medal.

Through our reading of the novel and viewing of the film, we hope that our students will come away with questions about how the elements of the book relate to their own lives, the larger society, and their place within that society.

The film version of *The Giver* is rated PG-13 and, as a result, we wanted to give parents/guardians advance notice that it will be used as a culminating activity for our classroom novel.

Should you have any concerns about your child participating in the showing of this film, please contact your student's ELA teacher directly.

Kind regards,

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