## Dear Parent(s),

I have the privilege this year to be apart of the worldwide, Adobe Youth Voices program! This is a rare opportunity for the sixth graders this year. This Adobe foundation is all about making learning come to life with video and digital media projects throughout the school year. At the end of the year, I will get a chance to submit the best pieces created throughout the school year. The Adobe people will pick one of their favorites to be screened at a big movie premiere night in Salt Lake City! In order to show the movies to an audience, a few release forms must be filled out. Please look over these documents and give them a sign. I will keep these forms on file during the school year. Thanks for letting your son/daughter participate in this unique and creative way of learning!

Here is a short blurb about the Adobe Youth Voices:

Adobe Youth Voices (AYV) ignites young people's Creative

Confidence – the ability to harness creative skills to solve

problems – using advanced digital media tools and tested

storytelling techniques. With greater creativity, and a greater

belief in their own abilities, young people will be more engaged

in their education and better prepared for a fast-changing global economy.

AYV is the Adobe Foundation's global initiative to increase creativity, which we believe is critical to prepare young people to be the problem solvers, critical thinkers, and leaders of tomorrow. Youth develop original media that highlights an issue they care about, identify solutions, and in the process foster critical creative skills and a passion to make a difference.

AYV is brought to life through our nonprofit and education partners, educators and employees around the world. Since the program's launch in 2006, nearly 100,000 youth have created media projects putting to use their newfound creative confidence.

I have seen engagement soar through the roof, students working together, and meaningful messages created by hard working students. This is a worthwhile endeavour! Thanks for joining me on the ride!

Sincerely,

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