Dear Parents,

As many of you know, we are currently reading the S.E. Hinton novel, *The Outsiders,* in Language Arts. This text is a wonderful example of realistic fiction at its finest, and the students have been enthusiastic about the story thus far. In the past, I have taught this unit, tested and assessed the students’ knowledge of the book, and then rewarded the kids with a viewing of the movie version of the book in order to compare the novel with the movie. It is a true depiction of the book (directed by Francis Ford Coppola, 1983) and the students love to see this story acted out on screen.

Before I can allow the students to participate in this fun activity, I need permission from the parents to watch a PG-13 film in class. I have sought prior approval from the principal before sending out this letter. The movie has mild violence during the “rumble” scenes. I have viewed the movie several times, and have used it in the classroom before as well. The students loved it; it’s a great reward for the students.

We are planning to show the film on September 8th. I hope all may participate, but if there is conflict, a separate setting and activity for those who cannot watch the film will be provided.

Sincerely,

Shelby Hoyt

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My student may participate

My student may not participate

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Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_