August 13, 2018

Dear Parents:

California state law allows high school students 16 years of age and older:

1. With a grade point average of at least 2.5,
2. In good standing, attending public or private schools,
3. And who are citizens or a Legal Permanent Resident of the U.S.,

To serve as Election Officers.

Students who are selected to participate in the program will be required to attend a two hour training class prior to Election Day. Students will serve alongside up to 5 other members of the Polling Place Election Board. Please be aware that hours are long, and students are expected to remain at their assigned polling location from 6:00 AM – 10:00 PM on Election Day. They may not be released early. All students are responsible for providing their own transportation to and from their assigned polling location, which will be fairly close to their school or home. Students will be compensated a stipend for their commitment and work on Election Day - $130.00 for Election Day and $35.00 for attending the mandatory training class. Your students will benefit from this program in several ways, including:

- Hands-on experience of learning how local elections are conducted
- Gain a lifelong appreciation for the democratic process
- Receive satisfaction of giving back to their community

For your child to be considered for this program, they must meet the requirements, complete the attached application, and obtain signatures from you and their teacher. If your child would like to be considered for the Student Election Officer Program for the upcoming November 6th, 2018 General Election, applications must be returned to your child’s teacher for transmittal to the San Joaquin County Registrar of Voters office.

If, for some reason your child is unable to participate after assignment at a polling location, please advise our office immediately, at the email address or phone number provided below.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and we look forward to your students’ participation!

Please do not hesitate to call should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Registrar of Voters
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