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A Memo from the New Jersey Department of State

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To: Local Educational Agency Leads, Administrators of Nonpublic Schools

Route to: High School Principals, Social Studies Department Heads, Community Outreach Staff

From: Tahesha Way, Secretary of State

Call for High Schools to Conduct Student Voter Registration Activities during *NJ High School Voter Registration Week* from April 24 through April 29

The Office of the Secretary of State is launching ***NJ High School Voter Registration Week***, taking place from April 24–29 that invites all eligible 17 and 18 year olds to register to vote. The Department of State wants to encourage collaborative civic engagement with a focus on youth, and a key part of civic engagement is registering to vote.

Please take advantage of this effort to reach out to your eligible 17 and 18 year old students.

Below is a letter from Secretary of State Way that contains information on how to participate in High School Voter Registration Week. More information about voting in New Jersey is also available at [vote.nj.gov](https://www.vote.nj.gov).

Dear Colleagues,

We are conducting ***High School Voter Registration Week*** in New Jersey during the week of April 24–29, as a part of our broader effort to foster ongoing civic participation, particularly among our youth.

Many schools across the state participated last year and I am writing to ask you again for your help with our Department of State initiative to register eligible 18-year-old high school students and eligible 17 year-old-students who will be 18 in time for the next election in anticipation of the voter registration deadline on May 16th for the upcoming Primary Election 2023.

As the chief election official in our state, I oversee the implementing of various non-partisan initiatives to increase civic engagement and voter participation in New Jersey. This project is part of our ***Jersey Civic Engage*** effort to foster ongoing civic participation in communities throughout New Jersey, because a healthy democracy needs active and engaged citizens. When people have a stake in their communities they are more likely to involve others and have a reason to vote.

To support participants we have provided links to activity guidance and related materials. These include:

- [Guidance for participating schools](#): Includes suggestions for easily conducting a brief voter registration activity;
- A [NJ High School Voter Registration Week Video](#) from me to view and share;
- A slide deck for you to use in your classroom or distribute designed for students about how to [Be An Informed New Jersey Voter](#);
- A sharable/printable [event flyer](#) that includes a QR code to our Student Voter Registration page on our Voter Information Portal; and
- Our [Student Voter Registration & Voting page](#) on our Voter Information Portal.

Please pass this on to the pertinent people who will be involved in celebrating NJ High School Voter Registration Week.

Thank you in advance for your help. For any questions about NJ High School Voter Registration Week or the Jersey Civic Engage initiative, please contact Assistant Secretary of State Lauren Zyriek Enriquez or Eric Kipnis, Manager of Constituent Relations at NJDOS@sos.nj.gov.

Sincerely,

Tahesha Way
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