Date: April 10, 2024

To: Local Educational Agency Leads, Administrators of Nonpublic Schools

Route To: High School Principals

From: Kevin Dehmer, Acting Commissioner

Tahesha Way, Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of State

Deadline: June 30, 2024

## New Jersey High School Voter Registration Week (April 14-20, 2024) Resources and 2023-2024 Statement of Assurance for High School Voter Registration

In partnership with the New Jersey Department of Education, the Office of the Secretary of State invited New Jersey high schools to participate in **NJ High School Voter Registration Week**, April 14-20, 2024. This week celebrates youth civic engagement and encourages all eligible 17- and 18-year-olds to register to vote.

To assist school districts, charter schools, renaissance school projects, nonpublic high schools, and private agencies that provide educational services for high schools in complying with the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:32-14.2, the New Jersey Department of Education has made available online a <u>High School Voter Registration Statement of Assurance</u> (SOA) for school year 2023-2024, to be submitted to the Executive County Superintendent no later than June 30, 2024.

The SOA affirms that the school districts, charter schools, renaissance school projects, nonpublic high schools, and private agencies that provide educational services for high schools by means of public funds have complied with all the requirements of the High School Voter Registration Law, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:36-27.

The High School Voter Registration Law requires administrators to distribute voter registration materials, a summary of voter registration eligibility requirements, materials describing the role of a citizen, and materials articulating the importance of voting to all eligible high school students prior to graduation. These materials support the implementation of NJ High School Voter Registration Week and can assist districts in fulfilling their responsibilities pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:36-27:

- How to Participate in NJ High School Voter Registration Week
- NJ High School Voter Registration Week video
- <u>Be An Informed New Jersey Voter</u> slide deck
- HS Voter Registration Week Event flyer
- Student Voter Registration and Voting website

Thank you for helping our students become engaged citizens.

## **Contact Information**

Please contact the appropriate County Office of Education for questions about the SOA. For any questions about NJ High School Voter Registration Week, please contact Eric Kipnis, Manager of Constituent Relations, at <a href="https://nxj.nlm.nigov.nlm.nigov">NJDOS@sos.nj.gov</a> or Ashley Woolsey-Greene, Social Studies Coordinator for the New Jersey Student Learning Standards, at <a href="mailto:socialstudies@doe.nj.gov">socialstudies@doe.nj.gov</a>.

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