



Dear NJPSA Member:

Student voices are growing louder and are reverberating throughout the country in the wake of the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida that left 17 students dead, more than a dozen wounded, and millions outraged. In the days and weeks following this tragedy, across the nation, many have taken action in their calls for change, with students leading the way by organizing school walkouts, marches, and the #neveragain movement, advocating for new gun-control laws.

We believe it is important — in fact, imperative — to honor our students' voices, to let them know that we are listening and that we value what they are saying. Further, we believe that in order to affect real change, the most important place for students to express their voice is at the ballot box. That's why the New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association, the League of Women Voters of New Jersey, and the NJ Social Studies Supervisors Association are teaming up to organize a **voter registration drive** called **#MyVoiceMyVoteNJ**. This voter registration campaign will begin on April 30 through May 11, and we are pleased to invite your school to participate.

Organizing a voter registration drive can be easy and fun, and is a great way to involve your student government leaders, members of your National Honor Society, your Social Studies clubs, or other school leadership groups. The League of Women Voters of New Jersey has provided important resources ([which are included below and attached here](#)) to help you get started and is also able to provide training to you, your staff, or your students on the many different ways your drive can be held. Remember, students who are 17 years old can register now, but will only be allowed to vote once they turn 18.

Voter Education Resources for Registering High School Students

Voter Registration Drive kit: http://lwnj.org/resources_kit.html

Request a local League conduct a voter registration drive: Please contact Pat Thompson at contact@lwnj.org or [\(609\) 394-3303](tel:6093943303) to arrange for a local League to visit your students to conduct a voter registration drive.

Quick Links:

League of Women Voters of New Jersey: www.lwnj.org

Voter Registration Forms: <http://www.njelections.org/voting-information.html#vrf>

Vote by Mail applications: <http://www.njelections.org/voting-information-vote-by-mail.html>

Primary at a Glance: <http://njpsa.org/documents/pdf/PrimaryataGlance2018.pdf>

County Election Officials: <http://www.njelections.org/voting-information-local-officials.html>

Polling Place locator:

<https://voter.njsvrs.com/PublicAccess/servlet/com.saber.publicaccess.control.PublicAccessNavigationServlet?USERPROCESS=PollingPlace>

FAQs: http://lwnj.org/voting_faq.html

Know your rights: http://lwnj.org/voting_rights.html

Video for first time voters: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2bbmod3PG8M&feature=related>

Information about what's on ballot, election dates, more: www.VOTE411.org

League of Women Voters of New Jersey toll-free voter assistance hotline: 1-800-792-VOTE (8683)

Whether you usually organize a registration drive at your school or will be doing so for the first time, we invite you to be a part of the #MyVoiceMyVoteNJ initiative. Simply let us know before April 16 that you would like to hold a voter registration drive at your school any time between April 30 and May 11, by emailing Dan Higgins, NJPSA Director of Strategic Communications, at dhiggins@njpsa.org, so you can be added as an official #MyVoiceMyVoteNJ school.

In addition to the materials provided by the League of Women Voters of New Jersey, NJPSA will also provide you other materials to help and inspire a strong campaign, as well as wristbands that can be given to every student who registers. At the conclusion of your drive, please provide us with the total number of students who registered during the campaign so that we can announce the success of the drive.

The #MyVoiceMyVoteNJ voter registration drive is a fantastic way to support your students' expression of their voice during these challenging times. This campaign also serves to promote a positive course of action and civic engagement for students that will indeed make a difference for the future of America.

If you have any questions or want to learn more about how to get involved, please contact Dan Higgins at dhiggins@njpsa.org or [\(609\) 860-1200](tel:6098601200).

Sincerely,

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