

My Vote ✓ My Voice

What's Been Happening at Milwaukee Area High Schools?

Since the beginning of the 2016-17 school year, the League of Women Voters of Milwaukee County assisted with 23 registration events at the following area high schools:

- James Groppi High School
- Riverside University High School
- Grandview High School
- Rufus King International School
- South Division High School
- Community High School
- Harold S Vincent High School
- Veritas High School
- Transition High School
- Milwaukee High School of the Arts
- South Division High School
- Washington High School
- Bay View High School
- Bradley Tech High School
- Nathan Hale High School
- West Allis Central High



Welcome to the My Vote ✓ My Voice Newsletter

This newsletter is designed to keep you informed about what Milwaukee schools are doing to promote voter education and registration in the high schools and to provide you with program ideas and current information about the voter registration and voting process. The newsletter is the latest resource from the High School Voter Education and Registration Project, a partnership between the League of Women Voters of Milwaukee County, Milwaukee Public Schools and the City of Milwaukee Election Commission.

The long term goal of the project is to insure that all Milwaukee Public High school students who are eligible to vote have the opportunity to register before they leave high school and that the students are equipped with the information needed to become informed and engaged citizens. A Toolkit (My Vote ✓ My Voice) has been developed as part of the project and was distributed to the high schools in December 2015. (Cont. page 2)



Important Dates:

Spring primary

February 21, 2017

Spring election

April 4, 2017

MPS High Schools as Polling Places

Did you know that 15 MPS high schools as well as the MPS administration building are all polling sites?

Dear High School Staff:

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The Toolkit provides program options along with the tools and resources needed to implement voter education and registration into your school's curriculum and program offerings. All schools are unique and the intent of this toolkit is to provide a variety of options that can best fit with a school's programs, staff and students.

The My Vote ✓ My Voice Toolkit is now available on line. The link is: <http://lwvmilwaukee.org/HighSchoolVoter.html#s01>.

Over the school year, we hope to provide you with ideas, resources, news about what is happening in MPS schools regarding voter education and registration, and to keep you informed of our efforts.

Under The Spotlight: National Voter Registration Day

September 27 was National Voter Registration Day. To honor the day, the Student Council at Riverside High School sponsored a breakfast event for their seniors. The students planned and presented the entire program, incorporating ideas and suggestions from the My Vote My Voice Toolkit and some advice from their advisor, Tom Wild.

Alderman Nik Kovac was invited as a guest speaker to talk about the importance of voting. The presentation also featured video clips from "Eyes on the Prize" and speakers from the senior class who engaged classmates in a discussion of the issues that are important to them. At the end of the program the students were given the chance to complete the Louisiana Literacy Test and to register to vote. The League of Women Voters volunteers were on hand to help the students with their registrations.

