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- TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters
- FROM: /s/ Christi van Eyken Elections Analyst
- RE: Voter Education and Outreach: High School Voter Education Weeks September 13-24, 2021

The California Education Code designates the last two weeks in April and September as High School Voter Education Weeks. This provides an opportunity for high schools and their students to partner with county elections officials to promote civic education and participation. As elections officials prepare for the September 14, 2021, California Gubernatorial Recall Election and the June 7, 2022, Statewide Direct Primary Election, it is a great time to encourage students to pre-register to vote and become engaged and active in their communities.

Secretary Weber, in partnership with California Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond, issued a <u>letter</u> encouraging schools to invite students to participate in our democracy. You can also view Secretary Weber's <u>resolution</u> online, encouraging all California high schools to participate in High School Voter Education Weeks, September 13-24, 2021. Feel free to use this resolution as a tool to gain support and recognition from your Board of Supervisors or County Board of Education.

As schools incorporate distance learning due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we encourage you to use the online resources available on our website. See our High School and Youth Initiatives webpage, which includes information on how to pre-register 16- and 17-year-olds at https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/high-school-programs/.

If you have questions about this or any other outreach related matter, please feel free to contact me at cvaneyken@sos.ca.gov or (916) 695-1137. Thank you.