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MOCK ELECTION GIVES ALABAMA STUDENTS A CHANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ELECTORAL PROCESS

Montgomery, Ala. – Alabama students in grades 4-12 will have the opportunity to gain an understanding of the electoral process by conducting a mock election for Alabama’s November 2016 General Election.

Set for Tuesday, October 25, 2016, the Alabama Votes Student Mock Election is a partnership between the Office of the Alabama Secretary of State, the Alabama State Department of Education, the American Village and Alabama Independent School Association. The student mock election aims to generate interest and spur excitement among Alabama’s student population about civic responsibility and democratic principles.

State Superintendent of Education Michael Sentance said, “This extraordinary opportunity will allow students grades 4-12 to voice their opinion in this year’s presidential election, as well as generate awareness and introduce the concept of elections before the voting age.”

Participating schools will visit www.alabamavotes.gov/mokelection on Tuesday, October 25, 2016 between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., and insert an access code that has been provided to them by the Alabama Office of the Secretary of State. Students can then submit their vote by selecting the ballot of their chosen presidential candidate and clicking the “VOTE” button. Each participating student is allowed to vote only once, and the results will be live on the Secretary of State’s website under “Student Center.”

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