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Dear Parents,

Your child's class is participating in our annual Mock Election October 28 – November 1. Although it is voluntary, I strongly urge your student to vote.

The Mock Election is a non-partisan, educational program that encourages all students to share their perspectives and listen to others respectfully. This year, students like yours will vote on two measures concerning signature-gathering for initiatives and labeling genetically modified food. So that they may cast an informed ballot, students will discuss a variety of opinions about the civic choices we face as adults.

Last year nearly 40,000 students voted in the Mock Election. By participating, your child will learn critical reading and decision-making skills. My hope is that every Washington student will graduate ready to fully engage in our communities, and have the passion to do so. To learn more, please visit the Mock Election website at **www.vote.wa.gov**.

Thank you for teaching your child the importance of voting. Democracy isn't inherited – each new generation must learn their voting rights and responsibilities.

Sincerely,

Kim Wyman
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*Eligible adults may register to vote or submit a change of address by October 7.
Register at www.MyVote.wa.gov or call the voter hotline at (800) 448-4881 to request a paper form.*