



# DEBRA BOWEN

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#### **Secretary of State Bowen Joins Students at Carnegie Middle School For Rare Glimpse into the Founding of our Nation**

**WHAT:** Secretary of State Debra Bowen will join students at Andrew Carnegie Middle School in Carson as they view one of the few surviving original prints of the Declaration of Independence. The print is one of 200 that were carried on horseback on July 4, 1776, to the 13 colonies and read aloud throughout the new nation.

“Being with students, and seeing the wonder in their eyes as they witness history firsthand and are turned on to democracy is the biggest perk of my job,” said Secretary of State Debra Bowen, the state’s chief elections officer. “The Declaration of Independence is possibly the most cherished symbol of our democracy. Now it is our children’s turn to learn it was written for each and every one of them.”

After the students at Andrew Carnegie Middle School see the Declaration of Independence, it will be on display for a free public viewing at California State University Dominguez Hills on Saturday April 24. Its stop at Carnegie Middle School is part of a six-city tour set-up by the Pearson Foundation and Declare Yourself to honor students who participated in the National Parent/Student Mock Election.

**WHEN:** Thursday, April 22, 2010  
8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

**WHERE:** Carnegie Middle School Auditorium  
21820 Bonita Street  
Carson

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