MEDIA ADVISORY

Tens of Thousands of California Students To Cast Ballots in 2008 Mock Election for President

WHAT: More than 230,000 teenagers across California will cast their ballots for presidential candidates and on three simulated ballot propositions in the first-ever MyVote California student mock presidential primary election.

Launched by Secretary of State Debra Bowen and Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O’Connell, MyVote California is a civic engagement project that aims to connect the voters of tomorrow to the election excitement of today. MyVote California is an interactive way for young people to learn about candidates and issues, gain first-hand lessons on the power of voting, and see how government and politics affect their daily lives.

WHEN: Monday and Tuesday, January 28 and 29, 2008
(Some schools may begin voting earlier to accommodate their academic calendars.)

Secretary Bowen will announce the MyVote California election results January 30.

The California Presidential Primary Election is February 5.

WHERE: At 429 participating schools across the state. For a full list of schools, go to http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/studentmockelection.htm

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