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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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