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Secretary of State Debra Bowen to Visit Mock Presidential Primary at Kennedy High School

WHAT:

Secretary of State Debra Bowen will greet students as they cast their ballots in the 2008 **MyVote California** mock presidential primary election at John F. Kennedy High School in Sacramento. More than 240,000 students across the state are voting for presidential candidates and on three simulated ballot propositions in the **MyVote California** balloting.

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.

Visuals will include:

- Kennedy High School gymnasium transformed into mock election polling place, complete with voting booths and an optical-scan machine to read ballots
- Students voting in polling booths

WHEN:

Tuesday, January 29, 2008
10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

WHERE:

John F. Kennedy High School
6715 Gloria Drive
Sacramento, California 95831

Note: Media must check in first at the school's front office.

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