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### **Thousands of California Teenagers to Make Their Voices Heard through 2010 Student Mock Election**

**WHAT:** More than 370,000 students will cast their unofficial ballots for governor and U.S. Senator, as well as the nine statewide propositions in the 2010 MyVote California Student Mock Election.

The MyVote California Student Mock Election was launched by Secretary of State Debra Bowen and Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell to help high school and middle school students discover the importance of elections and the power of their votes in a democracy. The mock election gives students an opportunity to study an exciting election season while preparing them to be life-long voters. The program also gives teachers the resources and materials to broaden their civics lessons.

**WHEN:** October 26, 2010  
(Some schools may begin voting sooner to allow for inclusion in their regular curriculum.)

Secretary Bowen will announce the mock election results October 27.

**WHERE:** At 647 schools throughout California  
For a full list of participating schools go to  
[www.sos.ca.gov/elections/mock-election/2010/general/check-school-reg-status.pdf](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/mock-election/2010/general/check-school-reg-status.pdf).

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