



## ALEX PADILLA

California Secretary of State

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### **MEDIA ADVISORY**

#### **Secretary of State Alex Padilla to Visit Cordova High School**

**SACRAMENTO** – Secretary of State Alex Padilla continues [High School Voter Education Weeks](#) (April 16-27) with a visit to [Cordova High School](#) on Tuesday, April 24, 2018.

Secretary Padilla will discuss the importance of voter registration and the role young people can play in shaping the future through civic participation. Secretary of State staff will help students register and pre-register to vote.

“Our role as educators is to prepare our students for success after school, and we measure that in part by a young adult’s ability to participate in our democracy and to use their voices to advocate for issues they are passionate about,” said Folsom Cordova Unified School District Superintendent Sarah Koligian, Ed.D. “We applaud the secretary’s partnership to foster and increase civic engagement among our youth.”

Secretary Padilla recently announced that [over 100,000 pre-registrations](#) have been completed by 16- and 17-year olds since the launch of the pre-registration program in September 2016. Their registration is activated when they turn 18.

Secretary Padilla also launched a High School Civic Engagement Portal, [HighSchool.sos.ca.gov](http://HighSchool.sos.ca.gov). This new website provides information and resources for students who want to be civically engaged. High school students can learn more about pre-registration, find out how to be a student poll worker, get resources to host a Student Mock Election on their campus, and learn how to organize voter registration drives on their campuses during High School Voter Education Weeks.

The California Education Code designates the last two full weeks in April and September to be High School Voter Education Weeks. This provides an opportunity for high schools and their students to partner with elections officials to promote civic education and participation on campus and foster an environment that cultivates lifelong voters and active citizens.

**\*Media wishing to attend should RSVP at [sos.press@sos.ca.gov](mailto:sos.press@sos.ca.gov)**

**WHO:** California Secretary of State Alex Padilla

**WHEN:** Tuesday, April 24  
10:00—10:45am

**WHERE:** Cordova High School  
2239 Chase Drive  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

**VISUALS:** Assembly and rally with Secretary of State Padilla and students.

Voter registration drive, with students using tablets and paper forms to register to vote.

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