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MEDIA ADVISORY

Secretary of State Alex Padilla to Visit American Canyon High School

NAPA COUNTY – Secretary of State Alex Padilla continues [High School Voter Education Weeks](#) (April 16-27) with a visit to [American Canyon High School](#).

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.

This year, Napa County will be one of five counties modernizing their elections by adopting the California [Voter's Choice Act](#). With a more flexible and convenient model, voters will be able to choose how, when, and where they cast their ballot. As the June 5 Primary is fast approaching, students turning 18 on or before June 5 will have an opportunity to register and cast their first ballot this summer. 16- and 17-year-olds can pre-register to vote, and have their registration automatically activated when they turn 18.

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. He also launched a High School Civic Engagement Portal, [HighSchool.sos.ca.gov](#). 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**

WHO: California Secretary of State Alex Padilla

WHEN: Friday, April 26
9:30 – 10:30am

WHERE: American Canyon High School
3000 Newell Drive
American Canyon, CA 94503

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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