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MEDIA ADVISORY

Secretary of State Alex Padilla to Kick Off High School Voter Education Weeks with Visit to Oak Ridge High School in El Dorado Hills

El Dorado Hills, CA – Secretary of State Alex Padilla will be kicking off High School Voter Education Weeks (September 16-27) with a visit to Oak Ridge High School in El Dorado Hills on Monday, September 16.

Over the next two weeks, Secretary Padilla will visit high schools across California to discuss the importance of voting and the role young people can play in shaping the future through civic participation. Secretary of State staff will be onsite to help students register and pre-register to vote.

In preparation for the March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary, Secretary Padilla will be encouraging all eligible 16- and 17-year-olds to pre-register to vote. Once pre-registered, their registration will automatically activate when they turn 18. Secretary Padilla will also be highlighting the importance of ensuring a complete and accurate count of all Californians for the 2020 Census.

In 2018, Secretary Padilla 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 interested in attending should RSVP to sos.press@sos.ca.gov**

WHO:	California Secretary of State Alex Padilla
WHEN:	Monday, September 16, 2019 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

WHERE: Oak Ridge High School
1120 Harvard Way
El Dorado Hills, CA 95762

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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