



WELCOME TO #NCCSS24

"Hidden Treasures and Histories of North Carolina"

Bringing Local Government to your Classroom

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EDUCATOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Founding Principles of the United States of America and North Carolina: Civic Literacy

CL.C&G.2.1 Compare how national, state, and local governments maintain order, security, and protect individual rights.

CL.C&G.2.3 Differentiate between the types of local governments in order to Ounderstand the role, powers, and functions each plays within an intergovernmental system.

CL.C&G.3.1 Differentiate citizenship and civic participation in terms of responsibilities, duties, and privileges of citizens.

CL.C&G.3.6 Distinguish the relationship between the media and government in terms of the responsibility to inform the American public.

CL.E.1.1 Explain how the role federal and state governments play in economic decision-making impacts economic mobility, status, and quality of life of individuals living in America.

WHY INVITE THEM



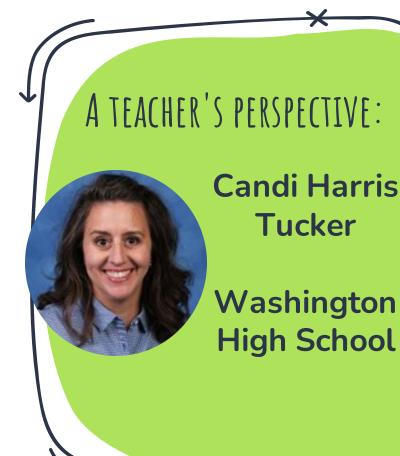
Let students know they are in charge of their government Eliminate the fear or suspicion of those in power Build working relationships with local officials

HOW TO GET STARTED

- X Contact your Director
- X CLEAR THIS WITH YOUR ADMINISTRATOR
- X Prepare your students
 - X Titles, Names, Photos
 - X Their responsibilities
 - X Questions- take their concerns but also you may have to lead them with current events







"Having Local Officials engage in open discussions with high school students who will be voters provides hope for the future. Officials learn what our youth wants and expects while the young adults learn how to participate in our government."

BOARD OF ELECTIONS RESPONSIBILITIES

WHAT THE DIRECTOR DOES This is the EASIEST thing ever for a teacher.

- X Coordinate and decide on date, time, and length of "Bringing Local Government to your classroom" with school representative.
- X Coordinate and decide on location of "Bringing Local Government to your classroom" with school representative. Examples: School auditorium, school classroom, Board of Elections Office, or other location for meetings.
- X Decide on agenda which can include elected official panel, instruction by board of elections on voter registration and/or the voting process, question and answer, and/or mock election.

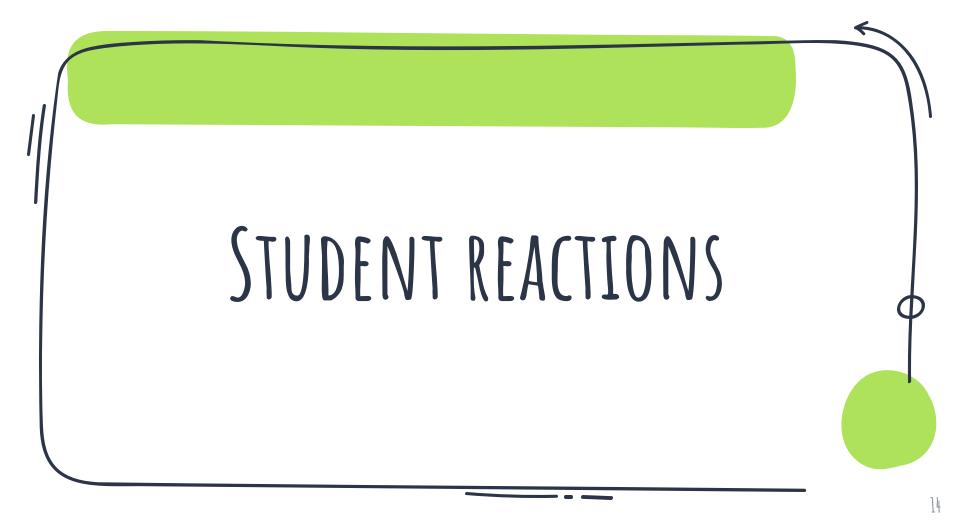
WHAT THE DIRECTOR DOES (CONTINUED)

- X Contact local officials for Elected Official Forum. Try to get a wide range of officials. Take into consideration party affiliation, sex, race, and level of government (Municipal, School Board, County Commissioner, North Carolina House of Representatives, etc.) 4 or 5 are a good working number.
- X Prepare handouts. This can vary depending on agenda and time of presentation.
 These can include a list of elected officials, a list of candidates, district maps, and sample ballots if available.
- X Prepare voting equipment and ballots if a mock election is on the agenda.
- X Plan for equipment transport to the meeting facility.

THE AGENDA	(A TWO TO THREE HOUR TIME BLOCK IS RECOMMENDED. ONCE THE CONVERSATION BEGINS IT'S HARD TO GET THEM TO STOP)	$\Big)$
I. Introduction by Director	Teacher introduces Director who then introduces each of the elected officials.	>
II. Elected Official Panel	Each elected official details their level of government and what their particular focus is (housing/education/etc)	
III. Student Questions	Students should have prepared questions (maybe teacher led) but hopefully will ask something based on what the speakers have said	
IV. Registration and Mock Voting	Discussion with Director on how to register, political parties, primaries, second primaries, general elections, Mock Election with NC Favorites Ballots on county voting equipment.	



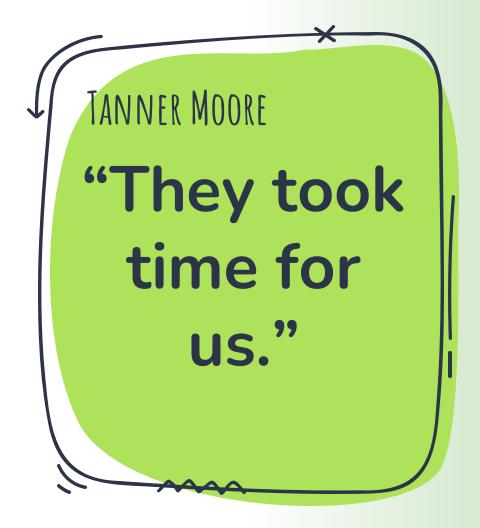
"This program has been one of the most rewarding parts of my career. To witness high school students realize that elected officials are approachable and accountable to the public is a beautiful thing. Students, educators, directors and elected officials always leave the room energized."



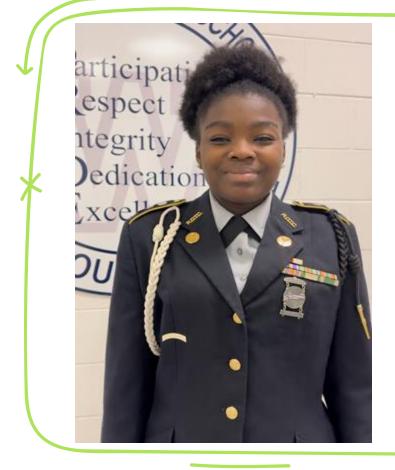
AXEL RUIZ With NC Representative Keith Kidwell District 79



I learned that it is important to know what is going on in our communities in order to make decisions that help contribute to a better society."







DEMIAH COPELAND "They listened to us."





"I am happy to participate in the civic education of our high school students with Director Kellie Hopkins of our county board of elections. I believe it is very important for our students to understand the process and role of government and the election process. It is also inspiring to see the interaction and interest the students have displayed."

Keith Kidwell (R), North Carolina House of Representatives



EDBOOTH (D) Member, Beaufort County Board of County Commissioners



We were honored to speak with Mrs Tucker civic class at Washington High School. Also present was school board member Carolyn Walker, Commissioner Waters, Rep Kidwell and BOE DIRECTOR Kelly Hopkins





My day started with Washington High School civic class and what a joy it was, we are proud of our students. They ask great questions about local government



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00 Tom Payne, Ed Booth and 18 others

Ed Booth

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At the National Association of County Commissioners Meeting in St. Paul, Minnesota, Beaufort County Commissioner Ed Booth shared information on the Beaufort County Program and shared examples of what he and other commissioners have been doing in having conversations with students -

"THAT'S THE GOOD STORIES WE NEED TO TELL"

"I always jump at the opportunity to participate in an event that involves our students. Getting to answer questions about the process of running for office, the responsibility of being an elected official and how we can improve our community is fantastic. These students are engaged and ask such great questions. I wish all teachers participated in this event!"



CAROLYN WALKER (R), BEAUFORT COUNTY DISTRICT 7 SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

EXTRA RESOURCES

Interested educators should call the local director of the board of elections to discuss. Kellie would be happy to assist educators or other directors of elections across the state with questions about the program. Contact information:

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