

ALL SECONDARY PRINCIPALS/AP'S/TEACHERS: Social Studies – Instructional Resources:  
Encouraging a Student Voice in Florida's Legislative Process

**Category:**

**Audience:** Principals/APs (Middle), Principals/APs (Senior High), All Teachers

Due Date: n/a

Meeting Date: n/a

**Attachment(s):** [Encouraging a Student Voice in Florida's Legislative process March 2011.pdf](#)

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Instructional resources have been developed to help teachers provide opportunities for students to research issues being discussed and debated during the 2011 legislative session.

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- Beginning March 8, 2011, the Florida legislature will be discussing and debating multiple issues and bills that directly impact students (e.g., educational funding, standardized testing).
  - The Division of Social Sciences and Life Skills encourages teachers, especially social studies teachers, to provide opportunities for students to research important issues being discussed/debated during this legislative session and to communicate their opinions to their elected officials in Tallahassee.
  - The Division of Social Sciences and Life Skills has developed lessons that encourage students to research issues being discussed in the Florida Legislature. The lessons are in multiple parts and include research activities, a letter writing activity, a bill writing activity, and a mock legislative hearing.
  - Please share the instructional resources with the teachers in your school. Please also feel free to duplicate copies of the resource, as needed.
  - If you have any questions regarding the instructional resources, please contact Mr. John R. Doyle, Administrative Director, Division of Social Sciences and Life Skills, at the number listed below.
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