ALL SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPALS/APs/TEACHERS: Social Sciences- Special Online Voter Registration Drive: September 24 through October 5, 2018

Category: For Your Information

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

Due Date: n/a
Meeting Date: n/a

Attachment(s): <u>AMC M269.pdf</u>

To support an engaged citizenry and our students' voices through a special online voter registration drive to occur on September 24 through October 5, 2018.

- The Division of Academics, Department of Social Sciences, encourages all Senior High Schools to allow students who are eligible the chance to register to vote through a special online voter registration drive to occur September 24 through October 5, 2018.
- Senior High Schools are encouraged to select the SHS Social Sciences Department Chairperson or another teacher willing to do so to serve as their voter registration drive contact person to assist in organizing this special online voter registration drive.
- In the state of Florida, U.S. citizens may pre-register to vote if they are at least 16 years of age. For the November 6, 2018 General Election, schools are highly encouraged to identify students who meet the requirements to be able to vote and who are or will be 18 years of age on or before November 6, 2018.
- The Department of Social Sciences is providing the following resources to assist schools in a successful online voter registration drive:
  - Online Voter Registration Drive Directions and Plan: Please read this plan carefully and follow each step.
  - o Online Voter Registration Drive Student Sign-In Sheet;
  - Why Students Should Vote PowerPoint; and
  - Student Directions-Online Voter Registration Drive PowerPoint.
- The above referenced resources are also posted on the Department of Social Sciences website: <a href="http://socialsciences.dadeschools.net">http://socialsciences.dadeschools.net</a> and click on the Voter Registration tab.
- The District's Student Voter Registration program is conducted in compliance with the following School Board Rule, as such, no outside organizations are permitted to register students to vote in M-DCPS Schools. This policy ensures that the District's Student Voter Registration program is nonpartisan and unbiased.

## **5724 - STUDENT VOTER REGISTRATION**

"The Superintendent shall develop a nonpartisan voter education/voter registration program for all of the District's senior high schools and shall offer the opportunity for all eligible students to register as voters."

 In addition, please refer to the attached Memorandum (M269) from the Superintendent of Schools regarding the District's protocols on Political Activities of Miami-Dade County Public Schools' Employees.

- Teachers are also encouraged to review the Board-adopted policies and applicable state statues related to political activities. These include School Board Policies 1232, 3232, 4232, and 6480, all of which may be accessed at <a href="http://www.dadeschools.net/schoolboard/rules/">http://www.dadeschools.net/schoolboard/rules/</a>, and Florida State Statute 104.31, which may be accessed at <a href="https://www.flsenate.gov/Laws/Statutes/2018/104.31">https://www.flsenate.gov/Laws/Statutes/2018/104.31</a>.
- Should you have questions or need additional information, please contact either Mr. Robert C. Brazofsky, Executive Director, Department of Social Sciences, <a href="mailto:rbrazofsky@dadeschools.net">rbrazofsky@dadeschools.net</a>, or Dr. Sherrilyn Scott, District Supervisor, Department of Social Sciences, <a href="mailto:sherrilynscott@dadeschools.net">sherrilynscott@dadeschools.net</a> or see the contact information below.

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