

# STUDENT VOICE



## SHARE WHAT YOU LEARN, THINK, SEE

- Issues and topics important to or impacting youth
- People: political leaders, candidates, civic leaders, media
- Government meetings or decisions
- Events and speeches; media coverage about the elections or issues
- Your perspective about politics, government or leadership
- Anything else you think is relevant and interesting!

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### Tips for covering a news event

- As a student, your perspective is very important – and is often missing from news reports and discussions about civic issues.
- Consider your audience. What do people want to know about what happened? What can you tell them (or show with photos) that would be different than traditional media outlets?
- How did people react to what was being said? What did YOU think about what was said?
- You are the media. That means you help to inform the public about government actions, goals, and activities. The “media” includes traditional media, such as newspaper and TV reporters, as well as bloggers and people sharing information on social media.
- Facts and Opinions – both important
  - Reporting facts helps people who are not at the event to learn what is happening, who is talking, what you see, who is in the crowd, the location, etc.
  - Sharing opinions helps people to learn and understand how the information impacts different people – especially students.