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Dear Educator,

On November 3, 2008 more than 6 million students participated in the Studies Weekly mock election and proudly wore their "I VOTED TODAY" stickers home. As a group, students in all 50 states accurately predicted the next president.

On Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, one week before the General Election, students across America will cast their vote for president once again and learn first-hand the power of voting.

Who will they elect? Do students really vote for the candidate of their parents' choice? The world will wait to see. Mississippi will be unveiling the final results of the statewide mock election on Thursday, November 1, at the Old Capitol Museum in Jackson. The national results of the mock election will also be posted by state and by school at [www.studiesweekly.com/vote](http://www.studiesweekly.com/vote).

Kids are intelligent. They know their votes won't officially count until their 18, but they will see and hear adults on TV and in their communities talk about their choice for president. Our children's enthusiasm might even persuade some parents to vote that otherwise would not. It will make a difference.

As the cooperative sponsor for Mississippi's Promote the Vote program, Studies Weekly will host the curriculum for our K-6<sup>th</sup> grade students and access for all registered schools to the PTV mock election for 2012. We invite your school to participate in this historic mock election.

As always, participation in Promote the Vote will be at no cost to the schools. We thank the Mississippi Secretary of State's Office for covering the cost for your school to participate. Please register online at the Promote the Vote website, [www.sos.ms.gov/ptv](http://www.sos.ms.gov/ptv), and you'll be automatically enrolled in our election. After registering, you should receive a confirmation email with your secure access information including a personalized 6-digit password that will give you access to our online interactive content, curriculum, supplemental material and to the mock election ballot.

I hope you will consider registering your school in Promote the Vote and we look forward to working with you during this exciting election season. Thanks very much!

Respectfully,

Ed Rickers  
President