



Bobbie Holsclaw
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Jefferson County Public Schools, Jefferson County Clerk's Office Partner To Provide Elementary Student Election Experience

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Eisenhower Elementary School Students To Learn About Free, Fair, Secure Voting Process In Civics Lesson, Student Council Election

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (09/21/2022): Helping prepare the next generation of voters to exercise their fundamental American rights, Jefferson County Clerk and Chairperson, Board of Elections Bobbie Holsclaw is pleased to work with Jefferson County Public Schools on a unique civics lesson. At 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 21, students at Dwight D. Eisenhower Elementary School will hear directly from the county's chief election official about how the people's voices are heard at the ballot box and will have the opportunity to vote for student council representatives in a way that mirrors the upcoming General Election process.

"Engagement through the free, fair, and secure voting is the lifeblood of democracy. While these students may not be able to cast their ballots for community leaders on November 8th's Election Day, I'm glad to help the voters of tomorrow build a foundation of active participation, one that can carry over when it's time for these learners to vote for local, state, and national office holders," said Bobbie Holsclaw, Jefferson County Clerk.

"Hearing directly from the Bobbie Holsclaw and the Clerk's Office – whose team members are the ones on the ground orchestrating and coordinating the voting process across the County – is an invaluable teaching moment for our fourth and fifth graders," said Eisenhower Elementary School Principal Conni Strange. "A hands-on lesson guided by our county's election experts elevates our educational focus. Our students really get to see how democracy is put into action, with an experience that builds on classroom learning but goes beyond the textbook."

Students will assemble in the gym at Dwight D. Eisenhower Elementary School at 9:30, where they will first hear from Clerk's Office representatives about the importance of democracy and how elections work in the county and across the

state. Next, student council candidates will give speeches to the assembled students about why they are running for office and the reasons to vote for them. Finally, students will have an opportunity to see the tools the Clerk's Office uses to facilitate voting up close and use authentic polling booths to vote their student council ballots.

Members of the media are invited to arrive around 9:15 a.m. at Dwight D. Eisenhower Elementary School (5300 Jessamine Lane, Louisville, KY 40258) to capture images and videos of the lesson Sept. 21. Bobbie Holsclaw, Jefferson County Clerk, other Office team members, and Jefferson County Public Schools representatives will also be on hand for interview opportunities.

For more information on elections and voting, call (502) 574-6100, or connect online by visiting the Jefferson County Clerk's election website at elections.JeffersonCountyClerk.org and on Facebook at facebook.com/JCCOKY

Jefferson County Public Schools has a mission to challenge and engage each learner to grow through effective teaching and meaningful experiences within caring, supportive environments. Learn more about how JCPS empowers and inspires students to reach their full potential at jefferson.kyschools.us

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