



June 21, 2006

Mr. Walt Townes  
226 Varick Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10014

Dear Walt:

The substance and the success of VOTE 18 was much greater than I had anticipated. As you know, as the Director of the League's Education Committee I have tried various programs to get students involved in the electoral process – whether in discussion groups, presentations, talking with legislators, etc. – it's hard work to get them interested!

But VOTE 18, with such active participation of the students from the very beginning really got things going. And it built upon knowledge that most of the students already had and at the same time gave them some new ways of looking at things. I was also delighted with the two students who volunteered to run as "Presidential" candidates – their own enthusiasm kept the other students interested and then the little, but significant part with the 10 students who didn't have the candy not being able to vote really had people buzzing.

I know the Ross School is a special place and we expected good participation but I am sure that VOTE 18 can work anywhere and I look forward to repeating it in the schools in East Hampton and Southampton next term.

Thanks for bringing this program to us. I will be contacting the State LWV about its use in other areas of the state.

Sincerely,

Judi Roth, MBA  
Executive Vice President

