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## **Student Voter Initiative takes off again!**

**El Paso** - The student voter registration and civic engagement project that began in fall 2015 with the Ysleta Independent School District and took place in other District 29 school districts in early 2016 has begun again.

The program began last week, with volunteers coordinated by the Senator's office and members of the Senate District 29 Youth Advisory Committee speaking to nearly 2,000 high school students and registering more than 200 eligible students. Last year, SVI volunteers spoke to about 4,000 students and registered about 2,500 in virtually every District 29 school district.

The goal is of the Student Voter Initiative is to educate students on the importance of voting as a bedrock right and responsibility, provide them the opportunity to register on the spot, and inspire them to vote.

*Note 1: Please contact the office if you'd like to coordinate a site visit to one of the class presentations.*

*Note 2: Sen. Rodríguez wrote an op-ed (attached) in Sunday's El Paso Times about the program.*

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*José Rodríguez represents Texas Senate District 29, which includes the counties of El Paso, Hudspeth, Culberson, Jeff Davis, and Presidio. He represents both urban and rural constituencies, and more than 350 miles of the Texas-Mexico border. Senator Rodríguez currently serves as the Chairman of the Senate Democratic Caucus, and is a member of the Senate Committees on Education; Health and Human Services; Veteran Affairs and Military Installations; Nominations; and Agriculture, Water, and Rural Affairs.*