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Dear Maryland Student,

Please consider serving as an election judge this year! The 2020 general election will be held on November 3, 2020. In accordance with state law, voters will be able to cast their ballots by mail, during the eight days of early voting (October 22-29, 2020), or in person on Election Day.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the State Board of Elections (SBE) is currently experiencing a shortage of election judges to staff the polls. Election judges play a critical part in the democratic process. This presents a unique opportunity for students to participate in the democratic process while helping the citizens of Maryland.

Therefore, I am calling on you and your peers to consider serving as an election judge this November to ensure that Marylanders have access to polling stations and are afforded the opportunity to vote without undue delay or interference. Under Maryland law, you can serve as an election judge if you are:

- Age 16 or older¹;
- Are a registered voter in Maryland;
- Physically and mentally able to work at least a 15-hour day;
- Willing to work outside your home precinct;
- Able to sit and/or stand for an extended period; and
- Can speak, read, and write English.

If you are interested in serving your community and helping to protect the democratic process, please visit the SBE website at elections.maryland.gov/get_involved/election_judges.html to sign-up to become an election judge. With the election fast approaching, please [sign-up](#) as soon as possible. Questions can be submitted to info.SBE@maryland.gov or to 410-269-2840.

Thank you for helping to provide all Marylanders with full, equal and unfettered access to vote in November.

Sincerely,

Dr. James D. Fielder
Secretary

¹ *If you are 16 years old, you may be able to serve if you show your local board of elections that you are qualified to be an election judge and a parent or guardian gives permission.