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I was so excited when I revived my first ballot. It was a non election year so it was some budget increase for the fire department, but still. I live in a 5 person household and was truly the only one who turned in their ballot that year.

To say I was excited to turn 18 is an understatement. I could finally make change and have people respect me when it came to legislative decisions. In previous years I had been told that I knew nothing about how the legal process worked and that because I couldn't vote my opinion didn't matter. By the time I was 17 I had met with my representative on numerous occasions while my parents and grandmother couldn't tell me their name. I knew more about how to legislature worked than two 50 year olds and an 80 year old who had been voting for decades.

School boards make decisions that impact students on a daily basis. We deserve to have a voice in who represents us. Most high school students aren't eligible to vote until their senior year if that. Students should be the main concern for school board members and as such should have a voice in those decisions.