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Voting at this age fosters civic responsibility and establishes lifelong voting habits. Also, including younger voices in school board elections ensures that policies are more representative to the needs of the student population leading to a more effective educational environment. These decisions impact students daily educational experiences as primary stakeholders. Studies from psychologytoday.com show that cognitively, by the age of 16, adolescents possess the necessary skills to make informed voting decisions, comparable to those of older voters.

I support HB 3012