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Student Voting

I am a retired high school English teacher. I taught juniors and seniors for 42 years and found them to be like our community at large - diverse in interests and talents and passions . Many of these juniors and seniors - 17 and 18 year old students - are just awaking to a a complex world - and they want to know themselves and their world better in order to contribute effectively to its growth and improvement. Most are eager to participate, and will be inspired by their own abilities to make schools better because these students were able to use their experiences to shape sschools into event better centers of relevant, significant education.

What a great opportunity they would have if they could vote; It would dignify their experiences and perspectives; it would give them a chance to choose and then support someone they believe could make a difference; and it would, we hope , foster their understanding that a democracy needs more of its citizens to be an active part of it. Democracy is not something that is easy or “trendy, ” or efficient. Our democracy needs them at their best. They are as able to vote thoughtfully as any 80 year old, or 76 year old, or 21 year old. Let them join us with their voices
I support HB 3012

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