

CIVIC ED. IN THE NEWS

As part of their commemorations for Constitution Day last month, **The National Endowment for the Humanities** launched a new "A More Perfect Union" initiative, focusing on American history and civic education. The initiative will fund opportunities for humanities projects that promote a deep understanding of American history and culture.

The Student Civic and Voter Empowerment Act has been signed into law by California Governor Gavin Newsom. Authored by Assemblywoman Cottie Petrie-Norris (D-Laguna Beach), the act aims to engage youth voters and ensure that California's elections engage the full potential of their electorate. Designated Civic and Voter Empowerment Coordinators will be hired at every campus to create a committee of faculty and students dedicated to developing campus-wide action plans to increase civic participation.

Tennessee Governor Bill Lee launched the **Governor's Civics Seal and Mini-Grants Program** this month to support and recognize schools and districts that prioritize teaching U.S. history and civic values. Up to \$170,000 of funds will be awarded to schools and districts that provide programs, resources, and professional learning opportunities that emphasize civic learning.



TX CIVIC EDUCATION ROUND TABLE

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Welcome to the October edition of the TXCER Newsletter! Stay connected to the latest in civic education through this month's announcements:

1. Generation Citizen has released a report on effective civic education practices and a toolkit for supporting youth civic engagement in underserved communities. Find the recommendations and the toolkit **here**.
2. Election Day is November 5! Remember to vote if you haven't already and to encourage others to do the same. You can learn more about what's on your ballot and find your polling place at the League of Women Voters' **vote411.org**.
3. Click **here** to add someone to or unsubscribe from our mailing list. Want to see your announcement in next month's TXCER Newsletter? Contact **Maggie Stern** at mstern@childrensdefense.org.

