



EL PASO INDEPENDENT
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Dear High School Principal,

As one of twelve high school principals in the El Paso Independent School District, you are tasked with the important responsibility of ensuring that all students who will be 18 years old on Election Day have the opportunity to register to vote. In fact, under Texas law, all high school principals throughout the state are required to serve as deputy voter registrars to students in their schools. At least twice each school year, every Texas high school principal (or his or her designee) must order voter registration application forms – available in both English and Spanish – and distribute them to all eligible students.

Regrettably, during the last election cycle, less than 15 percent of Texas public high school principals ordered voter registration application forms from the Texas Secretary of State's office. Writing in the *El Paso Times* earlier this month, Texas Secretary of State and former El Pasoan Rolando Pablos issued a powerful call to action urging all high school principals to fulfill their civic responsibilities to make sure each of their eligible students is provided the opportunity to register to vote.

"Texas students deserve better, and I want to work with principals to improve upon the past," Secretary Pablos wrote.

I could not agree more. That is why I am making a commitment as Superintendent of El Paso ISD to ensure that 100% of high schools in our district will carry out this important civic duty.

You can do so in three simple steps:

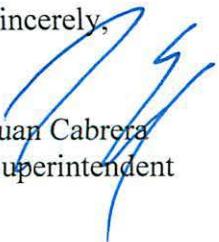
- 1) Count the number of students at your school who are 18 or who will be 18 by election day
- 2) Fill out the attached order form, which allows you to order applications in both English and Spanish
- 3) Send the completed form to the Elections Division at the Texas Secretary of State's office

To make it even easier, Secretary Pablos' office has provided an online form which allows you to order voter registration applications online – it should take no longer than five minutes to complete:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/hsvoterregistrationorderform>

I hope to make El Paso ISD the first school district in Texas to achieve my and Secretary Pablos' goal of reaching a 100% participation rate among high school principals. Please take the time to order voter registration forms for your eligible students so that we can work together to instill the importance of civic participation among the youngest generation of Texans.

If you have any additional questions about your duties and responsibilities as a deputy voter registrar, please contact the Texas Secretary of State's Elections Division at 512-463-5650.

Sincerely,


Juan Cabrera
Superintendent