Citizenship and Political Advocacy in NYS Symposium, where key elected officials from school board, city, town, county, and state will inform and interact with students.

PRE-PREPARATION: Each school’s representatives will prepare 3 written questions to ask officials. At least one question for the City/Town/County elected officials and at least one for the Assembly/Senate NYS officials.

Objectives:
1. Each student will gain an understanding of the functioning of each state and local branch of government according to its make up.

2. Each student will understand how individuals can propose and influence legislation at each level of government.

Participants: Students from area High Schools

Speakers:
- Town of Plattsburgh, Supervisor
- City of Plattsburgh, Mayor
- Clinton County Legislature, Legislator
- NYS Legislature, Assemblyman
- NYS Legislature, Assemblyman
- NYS Legislature, Senator
- School Board President
- Board of Elections official

Each speaker will present a 15 minute overview of governmental structures and how decision-making occurs

Discussion of Voter Registration and the Importance of Voting (15 minutes)

Panel Discussions (45 minutes)
Each school will have an opportunity to ask pre-prepared written questions in a round robin format.

Goals—For each school’s students to organize a voter registration drive and/or propose or influence legislation on the school, local, county, or state government level.