

Greetings! We are proud to announce that all **forty-one** HCPSS elementary schools will hold Simulated Congressional Hearings this May and June. Thus, we would like to invite your involvement as a judge in the 2017 *We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution* Simulated Congressional Hearings. They are scheduled for various days throughout May and June. This is a great opportunity for you to be involved in an inspiring and uplifting event that showcases what our students have learned. It would be an honor to have you participate.

Each Simulated Congressional Hearing is either a half day or full-day event. The start and end times are indicated on the RSVP form. A finalized schedule and directions to our school will be sent out to those who elect to participate. Below is a **sample** **schedule**.

9:00 – Training/Orientation (breakfast provided for judges)

9:30 – Opening Ceremony

 10:15 – Simulated Congressional Hearings

 12:30 – Lunch (provided for judges)

 1:00 – Roundtable Discussions between judges and students

 1:30 – Closing Ceremony (judges welcome to stay)

This event is a performance assessment that culminates our fifth-graders’ year of social studies instruction. Your role will be to listen to students, ask questions, and provide feedback. You do NOT need to be a constitutional scholar to be a great judge. It will be the students’ job to teach you. We will provide all the training you need on the morning of the event. The civic participation of community members is critical to the success of the program. For additional information and to see frequently asked questions, visit: <http://sch.hcpss.org/judges>

To respond to this invitation, please **RSVP online at:** [**http://tinyurl.com/2017-SCH-Judge**](http://tinyurl.com/2017-SCH-Judge) or return the enclosed form as soon as possible via email or fax. Spaces are limited and will be assigned on a first come basis. Once we receive your confirmation, we will provide you with additional materials and information. Thank you for considering this request to impact students’ understandings and experiences in social studies. For additional information you can contact the Elementary Social Studies office at: kimberly\_eggborn@hcpss.org.

Sincerely,

Howard County Public School System

Enclosure:

* Response Form

 **SCH Judge Response Form**

*We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution*

Simulated Congressional Hearings, Spring 2016

Howard County Public School System

**Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**RSVP online at:** [**http://tinyurl.com/2017-SCH-Judge**](http://tinyurl.com/2017-SCH-Judge)

If YES

\_\_\_\_\_ **Yes, I will be able to judge.** Please check the event(s) you would like to attend. (The start/end times are listed next to each school.)

 \_\_\_\_ June 1 Deep Run (8:45-1:00)

\_\_\_\_ June 1 Fulton (8:45-2:45)

\_\_\_\_ June 1 Laurel Woods (8:15-2:15)

\_\_\_\_ June 2 Clarksville (8:45-1:15)

\_\_\_\_ June 2 Elkridge (8:45-2:30)

\_\_\_\_ June 2 Waverly (8:30-2:30)

\_\_\_\_ June 5 Bellows Spring (8:45-1:45)

\_\_\_\_ June 5 Ducketts Lane (8:15-2:00)

\_\_\_\_ June 5 Ilchester (8:45-2:45)

\_\_\_\_ June 6 Bollman Bridge (7:50-2:00)

\_\_\_\_ June 6 Gorman Crossing (9:30-2:30)

\_\_\_\_ June 6 Manor Woods (9:00-2:15)

\_\_\_\_ June 7 Clemens Crossing (8:45-2:30)

\_\_\_\_ June 7 Hollifield Station (9:00-2:30)

\_\_\_\_ June 7 West Friendship (8:30-1:35)

\_\_\_\_ June 8 Hammond (8:30-3:00)

\_\_\_\_ June 8 Northfield (9:00-3:00)

\_\_\_\_ June 8 Pointers Run (9:45-3:30)

\_\_\_\_ June 9 Lisbon (9:00-2:45)

\_\_\_\_ June 9 Swansfield (8:45-3:15)

\_\_\_\_ June 9 Worthington (8:30-3:00)

\_\_\_\_ May 16 Bryant Woods (8:30-2:30)

\_\_\_\_ May 16 Dayton Oaks (8:45-2:15)

\_\_\_\_ May 17 Guilford (8:30-2:00)

\_\_\_\_ May 17 St. John’s Lane (9:00-1:30)

\_\_\_\_ May 17 Triadelphia Ridge (8:30-2:30)

\_\_\_\_ May 18 Running Brook (8:45-2:45)

\_\_\_\_ May 18 Rockburn (8:30-1:00)

\_\_\_\_ May 18 Thunder Hill (8:45-2:45)

\_\_\_\_ May 22 Bushy Park (8:30-1:30)

\_\_\_\_ May 22 Phelps Luck (8:45-1:45)

\_\_\_\_ May 24 Forest Ridge (8:45-3:00)

\_\_\_\_ May 24 Veterans (8:30-2:10)

\_\_\_\_ May 24 Waterloo (8:45-2:45)

\_\_\_\_ May 25 Atholton (8:30-1:30)

\_\_\_\_ May 25 Centennial Lane (8:30-2:10)

\_\_\_\_ May 25 Cradlerock (8:45-2:30)

\_\_\_\_ May 26 Jeffers Hill (9:00-2:00)

\_\_\_\_ May 31 Longfellow (8:15-1:10)

\_\_\_\_ May 31 Stevens Forest (8:30-2:00)

 \_\_\_\_ May 31 Talbott Springs (8:15-2:15)

If NO

 \_\_\_\_\_\_ **No**, I cannot attend as a judge, however \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is able to judge as a representative of my office for the event.

 \_\_\_\_\_\_ **No**, thanks—please invite me again next year.

 If YES or No

**If needed, I am willing to (check any that apply):**

\_\_\_\_\_\_Speak at opening or closing ceremony. This entails a short (5 minute) motivational speech.

\_\_\_\_\_\_Sign student certificates (approximately 100).

If YES

**Title as you wish it to appear on your name badge: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Examples: Dr. Seymore Hearings, *Professor, Department of Government*

 Ms. Elaine Benes, Esquire*, Litigation & Settlement*

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**Address to which materials should be sent:**

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City \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Evening phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Elementary Social Studies Office: Email:** **Kimberly\_Eggborn@hcpss.org** **Fax: 410-313-5698**