

August 23, 2007

Dear Political Action Seminar Forum Participant:

You will be speaking to roughly 90 young people, over the course of an hour and a half. However, we have broken up the evening into more manageable, more intimate small group sessions. This letter will detail the schedule and agenda. For those of you who have confirmed your attendance, thank you very much. For those of you who have not yet confirmed, we would appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible, so that we know how many classrooms to reserve.

To review, you will be speaking to 16, 17 and 18 year-olds who are enrolled in Lake Oswego High School's Political Action Seminar course. The goal of the course is to help students acquire the skills needed for effective political action. Students are ultimately expected to choose an issue about which they care deeply, design a way of addressing that issue, and carry out some sort of action toward that end. Our forum's goal is to help students think about and understand **the road from problem identification to designing a program of action**. Many of our students already care deeply about the environment, taxes, war or education. It is brainstorming feasible, effective and meaningful solutions and remedies that elude them. In other words, they do not easily transition from passion to pragmatics. Hopefully, hearing from you will grease the gears of their political thinking.

When: Thursday, September 13th, 2007, 7-8:30 PM

Where: Lake Oswego High School, Social Studies Wing, Rooms 212-222

Why: To educate and inspire young people to become civically and politically active in effective and meaningful ways.

Schedule

- ☐ 6:30-7PM – Refreshments for teachers and forum participants*
- ☐ 7-7:15 – Session 1
- ☐ 7:20-7:35 – Session 2
- ☐ 7:40-7:55 – Session 3
- ☐ 8:00-8:15 – Session 4
- ☐ 8:15 – 8:30 Open Q and A for students and participants

*This is to provide you sustenance for the evening as well as to provide us a chance to go over any details that may need clarification.

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As you can see each session is quite short, roughly 15 minutes, with a bit of wiggle room. In this time our hope is that you will address the following information and questions:

1. Your organization or political experience
2. How did you come to be interested in the problem on which you are politically focused?
3. How did you develop strategies to address this problem?
4. How do you maintain political momentum?
5. Advice to young people wishing to engage in effective political action.

In Addition . . .

- ☐ Please feel free to bring propaganda, fliers, posters, etc. to distribute to the students and for placement in our PAS classroom; the more the students know about various groups in the area the better.
- ☐ We will send along driving and parking directions when we get our final confirmations from participants.
- ☐ Please contact Ursula Wolfe-Rocca with any questions.
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