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As Crunch Time for Candidates Nears, Youth Rally to Get Out The Vote

CPS youth will knock on doors, phone bank & serve as judges on Election Day

WHO: Mikva youth will amp up their efforts to GOTV in this last week leading up to Election Day. Over 1300 Youth will also serve as election judges to ensure fair and efficient functioning of over a thousand polling places across Chicago.

WHAT: Campaigning and political participation while in high school is known to increase the civic engagement of young people. It also allows them to make their voices heard in choosing elected officials that will impact their schools and communities in the coming years. [Research by CIRCLE](#) shows that young people who get involved in campaigning, and hands-on civic participation are more likely to vote when older, and also convince other household members to vote.

- **GOTV Thursday (4:00-6:30 pm) & Saturday (9:30am- 2:00pm):** Students will meet their peers from across the city, discuss what they've learned from campaigning so far and then go knock on doors and phone bank to Get Out The Vote for both Mayor Rahm Emanuel and Chuy Garcia.
- **Election Day Judges:** Over 1300 high school students will serve as election judges in polling places all across the city. For more information on polling locations please contact Steven Rosado.

WHERE: Please contact Steven Rosado (312.480.9987) for a list of polling places with Mikva student judges and Meghan Goldenstein (630.863.0833) for campaign locations.

WHEN: Thursday February 19 from 4:00 to 6:00pm, and Saturday, February 21st from 9:30 to 2:00pm.

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Named for former Congressman, Judge, and White House Counsel Abner Mikva and his wife, Zoe Mikva, Mikva Challenge is a non-partisan nonprofit that develops youth to be informed, empowered, and active citizens and community leaders.