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League of Women Voters facilitate youth voting

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The Needham League of Women Voters have taken their doctrine of "democracy and action at the local level" to the schools. Specifically, Needham High School.

The Needham branch of this statewide society has taken the initiative to strike while the iron is hot. They, in conjunction with Needham High School's Social Studies Department and Student Council, have created and begun to distribute informational, new-voter registration packets to homerooms throughout the high school.

When a student turns 18, he or she will be supplied with a packet in homeroom. Along with a festive red, white and blue "Happy 18th Birthday" card, the packet includes: Historic accounts of close elections in which every vote was pivotal to the outcome, explanations on how and where to register, the Mass. Voters' Bill of Rights, a United States Constitution and a summary of websites about voting, elections, candidates and issues related to government elections.

"The League of Women Voters has as one of its missions to 'promote citizenry,'" says Harriet Goldin, chair for the Civic Education Committee of the Needham League of Women Voters. "The emphasis has been on adults, but in the last few years we have been working more with students."

Goldin says that it is important for students to be made to feel important with respect to voting in the state of Massachusetts.

"The notion with this one particular project...is that they are entering a right of passage," she says. "With that right of passage comes rights and responsibilities."

The packets are designed to point young voters in the right directions while giving them a broad base of information as evidenced by the Constitution included in each packet.

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Bad.

"We thought it would be just a nice thing for kids to have," says Goldin. "It was something that was not only available, but it was something that [students] could refer to."

Three hundred packets were made, and Representative Lida Harkins and Senator Scott Brown supplied the Constitutions.

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