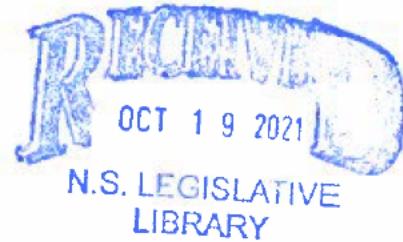


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"Providing authentic , real-life experiences and materials not only helps create a sense of purpose, it allows learning that is deeper, more meaningful and often more memorable than that from secondary sources such as textbooks, educational films or websites."\* The Student Votes program, held in schools concurrent with provincial and federal elections, provides one of the most authentic learning situations imaginable, whereby students learn civics in real time, taking advantage of class visits with candidates, debates, researching various platforms through authentic materials, and finally conducting a simulated election.

I challenge the members of this committee to think back to a memorable learning experience from their own school days, and I am guessing that many if not most of those experiences will be rooted in an authentic situation that involved hands-on activities - a model UN, a drama production, a simulation game, or an inspiring speaker. If we want our future citizens to be involved in our democracy, what better way to educate, inspire and motivate them to participate than the Student Vote program? By declaring the fixed election date to be in the middle of the dog days of summer, thereby precluding childrens' involvement in Student Votes (or similar program) I can only conclude that this government is not interested in voter participation, either for the present or the future. This is a cynical ploy to suppress the vote, which sadly it seems that Conservatives believe will benefit them.

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On Mon, 18 Oct 2021 at 10:47, Office of the Legislative Counsel <[legc.office@novascotia.ca](mailto:legc.office@novascotia.ca)> wrote:

Please contact the Office of the Legislative Counsel at 902 424 8941 in order to secure a time for this evening.

Thank you,