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Solano Youth Participate in First Observer Corps Training and Mock City Council

Fairfield, CA- Twenty students from Solano County Office of Education's Solano Youth Coalition (SYC) participated in an Observer Corps program training and mock City Council meeting. This opportunity was coordinated in partnership with the League of Women Voters Solano County chapter and the City of Suisun. The League of Women Voters (LWV), Solano County provided the program training. This is the first time the training has been offered to Solano County youth.

The goal of the training was to provide local youth an opportunity to engage civically and learn about community issues and government laws/policies. The program promotes transparent and accountable government while connecting elected or appointed officials with constituents. The training was followed by a mock city council meeting hosted by Suisun City Councilmembers, including Mayor, Lori Wilson.

Solano County Superintendent of Schools, Lisette Estrella-Henderson said, "Programs like Observe Corps provide our youth firsthand experience with local governmental entities and how they work independently and collaboratively on issues affecting our community. The youth voice is incredibly powerful and impactful when speaking to elected officials, and I admire Solano's youth and their passion to improve and protect their community."

For more information about this program please contact Johanna Nowak-Palmer at jnowak@solanocoe.net or Rebecca Floyd at rfloyd@solanocoe.net.

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