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Secretary Godlewski and Dane County Boys and Girls Club Announce Civic Trivia and Democracy Engagement Event

Fitchburg, Wi. – Secretary of State Sarah Godlewski and the Dane County Boys and Girls Club announce a new partnership to build civic engagement and education with young people and their families. The civics trivia event, which will take place on National Voter Registration Day tomorrow, will provide an opportunity for participants to learn about government and how democratic engagement can make a difference. Further, 18-year-olds and their families will have an opportunity to register to vote and volunteer with their local clerk.

Nationally, there is both a [decline in civics education](#) and an increase in [turnover](#) of experienced local officials like clerks. Given [evidence](#) illustrating that young people are more likely to participate in democracy when taught how to do so, this program is aimed at creating positive experiences for young people around democratic engagement.

“Since stepping into the role of Secretary of State, I’ve heard from Wisconsinites how important it is to engage the next generation in our democracy by providing educational and experiential opportunities that support our local communities,” said **Secretary Godlewski**. “I’m excited about this partnership with Dane County Boys and Girls Club that will foster win-win opportunities for our young people and our communities across the state, because we know our state thrives when everyone can participate.”

“We are honored to be working with the Secretary of State to educate and engage our young people in our democracy,” said **Michael Johnson, President & CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of Dane County**. “Events like these have a big impact in our community by encouraging our young people to use their voice in matters that will impact their lives forever.”

When: Tuesday, Sept. 19 at 6 pm.

Where: Allied Family Center, 4619 Jenewein Rd, Fitchburg, WI, 53711

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