



SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

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Humboldt Superior Court Judges Visit Local Classrooms to Inspire Students

The California Superior Court for Humboldt County announces an opportunity for teachers and students in Humboldt County classrooms. Judges of the Court are volunteering for the Judges in the Classroom program supported by Chief Justice Patricia Guerrero's Power of Democracy Civic Learning Initiative. The program connects schools with their local courts to learn about the judicial system and engage in meaningful discussions that will broaden their understanding of government and democracy.

The judges, who have diverse experiences and pathways to the bench, will interact with students through presentations, Q&A sessions, and hands-on activities. Humboldt Superior Court recently completed its first visit, with Judge Steven Steward visiting the Third Grade Class at Lafayette Elementary School in Eureka.

"It is a wonderful opportunity to help our local educators teach children about the Judicial Branch of the government," said Presiding Judge Kelly Neel. "Our local bench is so proud to be able to participate in this program and bring these important lessons to any classroom that wants it."

This year, more than 300 classrooms in California are scheduled to host visits. In September, Constitution Month, 102 classrooms in 24 counties were matched with judges. Lessons available include the three branches of government, the U.S. Constitution, and the work of the judiciary. Students also gain a greater understanding of the judicial process, with many inspired to consider future careers in law.

"When we can partner with our local schools, one visit at a time, we can enlighten students in ways that will prepare them for a lifetime of civic activity," said Judge Neel.

For more information, or to request a judge to visit your classroom, please visit the Power of Democracy website at <https://www.powerofdemocracy.org/>