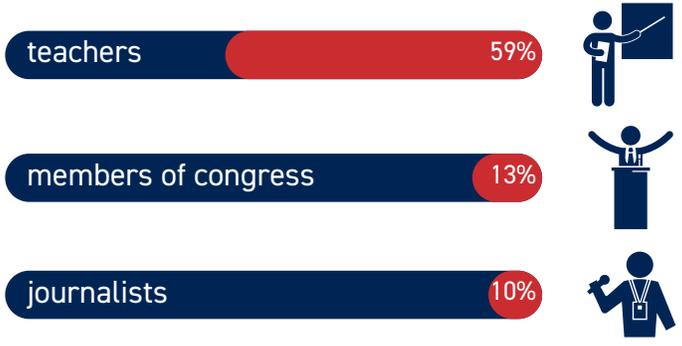


DEMOCRACY RESTORED: GEORGIA'S BRIGHT HOPE



"If our faith in democracy is going to be restored, our young people represent the best hope for getting us there." ~ Michael Matsuda

A representative sample of 1,000 likely voters during a nationwide survey of policy priorities found that **TEACHERS** are overwhelmingly the most credible sharers of civic information and education in schools across the nation.



An increase in CIVIC KNOWLEDGE leads to an increase in CIVIC IDENTITY which leads to an increase in CIVIC ENGAGEMENT.



FOR FUNDING COMPARISON

The Federal FY16 total level of expenditures for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) education was \$2.950 billion: **\$54 per student.**

The Federal FY16 total level of expenditures for Civic Education was \$1.850 million: **3 cents per student.**



IN 2019: The Federal FY19 proposed funding amount for Civic Education is \$3 Million or about: **5 cents per student.**

In the recent 2019 Georgia Civic Health Index, which explores the way civic participation changes across demographic variables-- income, educational attainment, age, race/ethnicity, and geography as well as compares Georgia's rates of civic participation to other states and to national averages, our state ranked below the national average on the following items.



According to a recent survey of Georgia educators, elementary students spend an average of 30 minutes a week on Social Studies education.

That is roughly 6 minutes a day.

INDICATOR	NAT'L RANK
Frequently discuss political, societal, or local issues with family or friends	33rd
Attend a public meeting	34th
Voting	37th
Voter registration	37th
Voted in the last election	40th
Volunteering	44th
Frequently volunteering	44th
Frequently discuss political, societal, or local issues with neighbors	44th
Frequently read, watch, or listen to new or information about political, societal or local issues	44th
Work with neighbors to do something positive for neighborhood or community	45th
Frequently doing favors for neighbors	47th
Contacted or visited a public official	49th
Group participation	49th
Frequently talk with or spend time with neighbors	50th

The Georgia Civics Renewal Act



The purpose of the Commission is to:

- 1) educate students on the importance of civic involvement in a constitutional republic,
- 2) promote the study of local and state government, and
- 3) enhance communication and collaboration among organizations in the state that conducts civics education.