



**MAKING EVERY VOTE COUNT:
REACH-A-TEACHER VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT**

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Timeline for Local League Participation

- Local Leagues can participate in the *Reach-A-Teacher* project by contacting the District Teacher of the Year in one or more of the counties the League serves. If this person is no longer the contact person they should be able to tell you who to contact. (See list.)
- We suggest that contact be made in May or June with the District Teachers of the Year and chat with them about the plans being made and any known timeline in their schools for *Reach A Teacher* activities.
- Ask them how your League members can be helpful in getting teachers participating in voting and being an active advocate for public education.
- Many school districts already have *Reach A Teacher* programs underway, others are just beginning and others need encouragement to start the project. (Already begun are Lexington 3 and 5, Greenville, Richland 1 and 2.)
- The local League's involvement can be as much or as little as the local League has people interested in helping.
- It can be as simple as offering to man a table at a school during a period of time to register teachers. Or it can be as much as helping the local *Reach A Teacher* coordinators make personal contact with teachers who are not registered, at their homes.
- There will be some *Reach a Teacher* activity during the summer but the project expects to be the busiest between August and October.
- Please be sure you update the www.lwv.org website with your new Local League leaders so we know who to contact in your League with more information.



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Reach-a-Teacher

In September 2008, RISE SC launched a voter registration drive focused on educators. With more than 100 schools participating statewide, the “GOAL: 100%!” initiative was one of the most successful voter registration drives ever conducted through our public schools. The response was so overwhelming that RISE SC is launching a more intensive educator engagement initiative in 2009-10.

Reach-a-Teacher is a grassroots initiative that will not only register educators to vote; it will also galvanize public support for the legislative efforts necessary to bring about real and sustained reform of our public schools. By the end of March, 2010 RISE SC will establish a *Legislative Issues Liaison* in every public school in South Carolina. These key advocates are teachers, identified through the Teacher of the Year network, who will:

- serve as a point of contact to receive updates on legislative issues and advocacy activities from RISE SC;
- brief their colleagues regularly on the legislative initiatives that will impact our public schools;
- share instruction and support, provided by RISE SC, with their colleagues to empower them to effectively advocate for public education and influence lawmakers;
- participate in RISE SC advocacy activities, such as furlough day field trips to the State House and town hall meetings;
- provide RISE SC with feedback from their colleagues regarding legislative issues and advocacy activities;
- ensure their colleagues are registered to vote;
- and recruit volunteers for the door-to-door initiative.

Between June and November 2010 *Reach-a-Teacher* volunteers will knock on the door of every certified teacher in the state of South Carolina to:

- ensure they are registered to vote;
- listen to their concerns about how policies are impacting their classrooms;
- provide timely information about continuing legislative issues facing public education;
- provide information about the positions of state and local elected officials and candidates as pertains to the issues facing public education;
- and lay the foundation for an unprecedented voter turnout effort among educators on Election Day in 2010.

Educators are on the frontlines every day. They see first-hand what is working and what is not. Their involvement is vital to any effort to reform and improve our schools for all of South Carolina’s children. *Reach-a-Teacher* will make that involvement easy and accessible by bringing the invitation – and the opportunity – to influence lawmakers and impact the process right to their door.

For more information, please contact Rachel Dean at 803-743-5164 or via email at RISESC@gmail.com.

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