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Community Invited to Attend the First Annual Project Citizen Showcase

Parents, students and community members are invited to attend the **1st Annual Project Citizen Showcase**, on **Tuesday, April 17 at 4:00p.m.** at the Stanislaus County Office of Education (SCOE) board room (1100 H Street, Modesto). Sponsored by SCOE and the Civic Mission of Education Collaborative, the event is free and open to the public.

The curriculum-based program is geared for students and youth groups and helps promote competent and responsible participation in local and state government.

Yolo Middle School and Empire Elementary School will participate in the Project Citizen Showcase, where each school will present their class project portfolio and display before a panel of judges. Yolo's project addressed the School Dress Code and Empire students selected Cafeteria Waste as their project.

Students will showcase the five step process they learned while putting the class portfolio together.

1. Identifying a problem in their community that requires a public policy solution
2. Gathering and evaluating information on the problem
3. Examining and evaluating alternative solutions
4. Developing a proposed public policy to address the problem
5. Creating an action plan to get their policy adopted by government

Of the two schools, one will be selected to advance to the state level competition held on June 8. The state will then send one school to the annual Project Citizen national showcase held in August 5-9, 2007.