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Hello Teachers!

Thank you for all you are doing to help your students learn in these trying times. It is impossible for us to fully grasp how hard this is. We admire you in so many ways.

We know that teaching elections might not be top on your list so our **Super Civics** teacher team has created quick grade-level lessons we call **Election Challenges**. The Election Challenges support the MN Academic Standards for Social Studies, specifically citizenship and government benchmarks. The lesson format is similar to the [Super Civics Challenges for Distance Learning](#) created in the spring. This includes both slide versions, PDF versions and video presentation versions for grades K - 5. The lessons may be used with remote, hybrid or face to face learning situations. The lessons include a challenge task sheet with a certificate of completion so students may track their progress. Feel free to use what you believe will best support your students and families.

The Election Challenges also provide opportunities for literacy integration. For each grade level Election Challenge, you will find a specific picture book title used as an anchor text for learning. These titles were carefully chosen and vetted as being the best suited for each of the grade level standards. Our Super Civics team strongly suggests you use these same titles when teaching the 2020 Election Challenges. However, our team understands not every classroom is the same, not all learners are the same and access to these titles may be limited. Please use this guide to help you determine how to best use these anchor texts with your students. [2020 Election Challenge Book Guide](#)

All grade levels use the term 'citizen' to introduce the challenges. The introductory slides describe what 'citizen' means to our classroom community. "All kinds of people make up communities, they are residents, and neighbors, and many of us who make up communities are citizens. Today each of you are citizens in our community." In some grade levels, students will explore or define the term United States citizen with regard to voting. Please be mindful that content about citizenship and voting may be sensitive for some students and families. When applicable, teacher notes have been added to draw your attention to points to consider as well as extension opportunities for deeper understanding.

The new Election Challenges are available at the top of the [Super Civics Toolbox](#). You will also find that the Super Civics Toolbox is a fast growing collection of additional resources and lessons for teaching citizenship and government.

Thank you again for your efforts to inspire Super Citizens.

Your friends at Learning Law and Democracy,

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