



GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO

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Dear Dr. Moreno:

I am writing to encourage your participation in the Fundación Ramon Barquin and Instituto de Formación Democrática's National Student/Parent Mock Election, the nation's largest voter education project, to be held on November 1, 2012.

The present generation of young Americans under the age of 18 constitutes the largest population group in the nation's history. Yet, according to many studies, less than half of 15-26 year olds know the political party of their state governor and only 40% can say which party controls the United States Congress. Only 66% say that voting is a necessary quality for being a good citizen, compared to 83% of those over 26 years old.

One of the most successful organized programs working to change this picture is the Instituto de Formación Democrática and the National Student/Parent Mock Election, which have garnered a total of more than 50 million votes by students, parents, and teachers in the last two decades. In the 1996 and 2000 presidential elections the vote tally was broadcast live on CNN and C-SPAN the evening of the Mock Election.

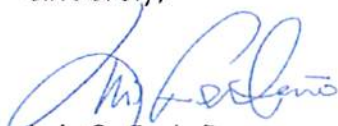
Studies have shown that participation in the National Student/Parent Mock Election increased the belief that voting is important, that social studies classes are relevant, and that public policy participation is fundamental to preserving democracy.

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As in prior years, I ask that you help in this project by sending information on the National Mock Election process to the principals of all schools in the territory, both public and private, and encouraging them to participate. I have attached an enrollment form that can be copied and sent to the National Student/Parent Mock Election by mail or fax. Also note that schools can enroll on the web at www.mockelectionpr.com and www.nationalmockelection.org.

Thank you for your help in ensuring that Puerto Rico's schools participate in this project. With your help, we will seek full participation of our schools and the highest amount of student voters among all districts in the Nation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Luis G. Fortuño". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Luis G. Fortuño
Enclosure