

Dear Educators,

As Secretary of State, I view my role as an ambassador to encourage our next generation of leaders to get involved and participate in our democracy as one of the most important. Working with the Chiesman Center for Democracy, I would like to extend an offer to visit with your students about the election process, strengthen them as informed and engaged citizens, and answer any questions they might have.

The Chiesman Center offers a diverse array of activities that encourage a fun and interactive environment for hands on learning experiences. Study after study shows that the more comfortable our young people are with the fundamentals of our system, the more likely they are to participate in the democratic process as adults.

From conception, South Dakota has been blessed with an educated and engaged citizenry who have worked to actively ensure our laws will protect your rights and freedoms as citizens of South Dakota. Our office is here to continue that tradition by encouraging active participation in our republic.

If you have any questions please contact my office, we would be happy to arrange a time to visit.

Sincerely,

**Shantel Krebs** 

Secretary of State of South Dakota