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SECRETARY MONAE JOHNSON ANNOUNCES “CIVICS IN THE 605: STATEWIDE STICKER SHOWCASE”

PIERRE, S.D. — Secretary of State Monae L. Johnson today announced the return and rebranding of the statewide student sticker contest—formerly the “I Voted” Sticker Contest—now titled **Civics in the 605: Statewide Sticker Showcase**. Student artists from across South Dakota are invited to submit original designs by February 1, 2026. Winning entries will be used during the 2026 General Election.

To honor student artists and spotlight civic engagement, the Secretary of State’s Office will host an Inaugural Award Ceremony on Wednesday, February 24, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. in the Capitol Rotunda. Finalist artwork will be displayed, and winners will be recognized on-site during the Legislative Session, with opportunities for students and families to tour the Capitol.

“**Civics in the 605** is about taking pride in participation and giving students a real connection to their government,” said Secretary Johnson. “These stickers travel with every voter—they’re small but powerful symbols of civic duty and South Dakota pride. I can’t wait to showcase our students’ creativity at the Capitol.”

Submissions will be judged in four grade-level categories: K–2, 3–5, 6–8, and 9–12. A panel of judges will help select the winning designs prior to the ceremony.

The competition will open on November 1st, 2025 and will close on February 1st, 2026.

How to Enter:

Full contest details, design guidelines, and submission information are available at:
<https://sdsos.gov/elections-voting/voting/kids-voting-southdakota.aspx>