A More Perfect Union: The Superior Court Partners With Educators To Teach Students About The Constitution

Santa Clara County Superior Court Celebrates National Constitution Day With Two Virtual Events.

In celebration of Constitution Day (September 17th), judicial officers from the Santa Clara County Superior Court visited more than 1,500 students across the county, speaking with them about the Constitution. Expanding upon the success of last year’s virtual model for connecting with students and teachers, the Superior Court held its outreach event on September 22, 2021.

“On behalf of our Court, we thank our educators for their dedication to the students and the families of Santa Clara County and for honoring the significance and importance of the Constitution and the rule of law. It is critically important that our youth learn about what makes this historic American document so unique and firmly establishes the enduring rights and liberties of people within the framework of the separate but equal branches of government,” said Presiding Judge Theodore C. Zayner

“Live” Virtual Event: On Wednesday, September 22, judicial officers met with twenty-one schools and over 1,500 fifth graders to discuss the history and importance of the Constitution. After each presentation, the students interacted with and asked questions of the judicial officers.

Prerecorded Video: In addition to the “live” virtual event, the Court is happy to offer educators and their students the opportunity to view a prerecorded presentation in which several judges elaborate on what the Constitution is, what it means, and its use in the daily lives of judicial officers. This video is accessible on the Court’s YouTube page or by visiting the link found here: Constitution Day 2021 Video.

“Our Court is proud of our strong partnerships with the County Office of Education, and with the Executive and Legislative branches of government. Together, we have been able to connect with thousands of students, helping to educate our next generation of civic-minded leaders. We especially thank Lieutenant Governor Eleni Kounalakis, Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren, and Assemblymember Evan Low for their participation and support of this program,” said Hon. Audra Ibarra, Co-Chair of the Legislative Liaison Committee.