



PROJECT Citizen
2008 National Showcase

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**Project Citizen National Showcase
Displays Students' Public Policy Work**

NEW ORLEANS – Cyber bullying, park restoration, animal control, childhood obesity, and community and school safety are among the issues addressed by student public policy proposals at the 2008 **We the People: Project Citizen** National Showcase. The showcase, cosponsored by the Center for Civic Education and the National Conference of State Legislatures, is held in conjunction with NCSL's Legislative Summit in New Orleans, July 22–26.

“**Project Citizen** is a hands-on civic education program that teaches students how to effectively monitor and influence public policy,” explained **Project Citizen** Director Michael Fischer of the Center for Civic Education. “The four-panel portfolios and documentation binders chronicle the steps student took in identifying and researching the problem, evaluating alternative policies, proposing a public policy, and presenting an action plan to have their policy enacted.”

The public policy portfolios on display are developed by students in the fifth to eighth grades from across the country and were selected to represent their states at the national level. Members of state legislatures, legislative staff, and educators serve as evaluators for the showcase. On Saturday, July 26, commendations for excellent, superior, and outstanding achievement will be announced.

Five groups of **Project Citizen** students are attending the showcase to represent their classes from Bret Harte Middle School, of San Jose, Calif.; W.J. Quarles Elementary School, of Long Beach, Miss.; Crownpoint Middle School, of Crownpoint, N.M.; Jamestown Lawn Avenue School, of Jamestown, R.I.; and Dupont Middle School, of Belle, W. Va. The students serve as **Project Citizen** ambassadors, available to explain the program to the more than 7,000 attendees at the legislative summit.

Project Citizen is an interactive civic education program that promotes participation in state and local government by teaching students the public policy process and by encouraging civic involvement. The program is funded by the U.S. Department of Education under the Education for Democracy Act approved by the United States Congress.

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Alabama

Title: CCMS Is Going Green
School: Clay Chalkville Middle School

Alaska

Title: Cover Splatter: Lids Matter
School: Tanana Middle School

Arizona

Title: Solar Energy
School: Lineweaver Elementary School

Arkansas

Title: Climb a Tree, Don't Cut It
School: Russellville Middle School

California

Title: Better Lights for Better Nights
School: Foulks Ranch Elementary School

Colorado

Title: Daily P.E. is Best for Me!
School: Green Valley Elementary

Connecticut

Title: Monitoring Our Waterways
School: Lisbon Central School

Delaware

Title: Vandalism Is on the Rise at W.T.C.
School: W.T. Chipman Middle School

District of Columbia

Title: Bullying
School: Community Academy Public Charter School

Florida

Title: Pollution Abatement: Making Miami Lakes Safer
School: Miami Lakes Middle School

Georgia

Title: Stop the Fights! Animals Have Rights!
School: Palmer Middle School

Guam

Title: Graffiti on Our Island
School: V.S.A. Benavente Middle School

Hawaii

Title: Fuel for the Future
School: Punahou School

Idaho

Title: School Violence
School: Coeur d'Alene Charter Academy

Illinois

Title: Don't Start: Preventing Youth Shoplifting
School: St. James School

Indiana

Title: Lawton Litter: Taking Out the Trash
School: Canterbury School

Iowa

Title: Cyber Bullying
School: Lake Mills Middle School

Kansas

Title: Restoration of Holland Park
School: Greeley County Charter Junior High School

Kentucky

Title: Make Recycling a Habit
School: Henry Middle School

Louisiana

Title: Realistic Education Alternative Learning (REAL School)
School: Alexandria Middle Magnet School

Maine

Title: Fight the White Pollution: The Dangers of Styrofoam
School: Lyman Moore Middle School

Maryland

Title: Habitat Fragmentation
School: St. Andrew's Day School

Massachusetts

Title: Master the Lockdown: Be Prepared Not Scared
School: Chatham Middle School

Michigan

Title: Strays Are Not Okay!
School: Carstens Elementary School

Minnesota

Title: Save a Tree: The Recycling Project
School: John Glenn Middle School

Mississippi

Title: Battling Obesity by Walking to Fitness
School: W.J. Quarles Elementary

Missouri

Title: Teen Smoking and the Missouri Cigarette Tax
School: Scott County Central High School

Montana

Title: Buddy Up and Go
School: Monforton School

Nebraska

Title: Enough Trash Talk...Just Recycle
School: Johnson-Brock Middle School

New Hampshire

Title: Styrofoam, You're Going Home
School: Fairgrounds Middle School

New Jersey

Title: Save Our Schools
School: Florence Gaudineer Middle School

New Mexico

Title: SAUM – Students Against Uranium Mining in
Crownpoint, New Mexico
School: Crownpoint Middle School

New York

Title: Decline of the Bees
School: PS 122 Mamie Fay School

North Carolina

Title: R.A.G.E. (Rise Against Violence Everywhere)
School: Franklin Academy

Ohio

Title: Styrofoam Free the Way to Be!
School: Sunbeam School

Oklahoma

Title: Don't Choose a Path to Apathy
School: Laverne Elementary

Oregon

Title: What About the Homeless?
School: Ockley Green

Pennsylvania

Title: Animal Abuse
School: Roosevelt Elementary School

Rhode Island

Title: Jamestown Animal Shelter
School: Jamestown Lawn Avenue School

South Carolina

Title: In Six Days...
School: York One Academy

South Dakota

Title: Small School, Good Education – Should We Stay
or Should We Go?
School: Pollock School

Tennessee

Title: Traffic Problem – Solution Needed
School: Doe Elementary School

Texas

Title: Sanitary Solutions
School: Truman Middle School

Utah

Title: Traffic and Safety
School: Bountiful Junior High

Vermont

Title: Keep It Clean, Let's Go Green
School: Lincoln Community School

Virginia

Title: Wiping Out Homelessness in Hampton
School: Benjamin Syms Middle School

Washington

Title: Proceed With Caution
School: Touchet School

West Virginia

Title: West Virginia Teen Obesity: Just Play to Stay Fit
School: Dupont Middle School

Wisconsin

Title: Beyond Baby Fat
School: Salam School

Wyoming

Title: Going Green: Helping the Environment
School: CY Junior High

Other Showcase Portfolios
(Not for Evaluation)**Arizona**

Title: Animal Safety
School: Lineweaver Elementary School

California

Title: Traffic Safety
School: Bret Harte Middle School

South Dakota

Title: Jobs on Reservations
School: McCrossan Boys Ranch