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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Civics education**

To the editor: At the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia, we in the audience heard several concerning presentations

on the "Constitution

in Crisis." It was a disturbing reminder of how fragile our democracy is.

But the speakers giving the presentations also gave us hope for our Constitution and democracy. One of the ways endorsed by speakers to avert the crisis is to provide a strong civics education for students in public schools. Civics education, evidently, has taken a back seat in school districts across the country.

Not so in Henderson County Public Schools. Civics education is alive and well in our schools thanks to teachers and administrators who understand that a strong civics education creates the needed foundation for democracy. Our educators have worked hard to promote the state civics education standards and the local Students Voting For Democracy (SVFD) program in grades K-12.

Since 2014 in countywide elections, thousands of students have practiced good citizenship by casting informed votes for issues and candidates in online mock elections.

The SVFD program is hosted by all 23 schools and supported by the League of Women Voters Henderson County. Thank you, educators, for preparing your students for citizenship in our democracy! Kudos to you all!

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