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**NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER TO PILOT LIVE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVERSATIONS IN CLASSROOMS
ACROSS AMERICA ON CONSTITUTION DAY MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

Philadelphia, PA (September 6, 2018) – Today, the National Constitution Center announced plans for [Classroom Exchanges](#), a new initiative which will be piloted in high school classrooms this Constitution Day, Monday, September 17. Made possible by the Lauder Family Foundation, the exchanges will provide students the opportunity to engage in a constitutional conversation with their peers from around the country by answering fundamental questions about the U.S. Constitution. For this pilot program, over 500 high school students from 26 diverse classrooms will convene online by video to engage in civic dialogue about the U.S. Constitution and its relevance to their lives. Trained moderators from around the country will facilitate conversations through guidance of the National Constitution Center’s education team. Additional information about the project can be found [here](#).

Leading up to and on Constitution Day, educators can bring the Constitution into their classrooms through the National Constitution Center’s [online resources](#), including the *Interactive Constitution*, *Constitution Hall Pass* video lessons, and Constitution Day lesson plans for a range of grade-levels and standards, all available through the Center’s dedicated Constitution Day website.

In addition to its virtual presence in classrooms around the country, the Center will welcome over 4,000 visitors this Constitution Day with free admission and programming courtesy of the Schwab Charitable Fund, made possible by the generosity of the Present Progressive Fund. Highlights include Town Hall programs with author **Linda Monk** on the Bill of Rights and with Judge **Jeffrey S. Sutton** on the importance of state courts and state constitutions. Other special programs include student conversations with federal judges and a Naturalization Ceremony with a keynote address by Philadelphia Mayor **Jim Kenney**. A full schedule of the onsite activities and programs is available [here](#).

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About the National Constitution Center

The [National Constitution Center](#) in Philadelphia inspires citizenship as the only place where people across America and around the world can come together to learn about, debate, and celebrate the greatest vision of human freedom in history, the U.S. Constitution. A private, nonprofit organization, the Center serves as America’s leading platform for constitutional education and debate, fulfilling its Congressional charter “to disseminate information about the U.S. Constitution on a nonpartisan basis.” As the **Museum of We the People**, the Center brings the Constitution to life for visitors of all ages through interactive programs and exhibits. As **America’s Town Hall**, the Center brings the leading conservative and liberal thought leaders together to debate the Constitution on all media platforms. As a center for **Civic Education**, the Center delivers the best educational programs and online resources that inspire, excite, and engage citizens about the U.S. Constitution. For more information, call 215-409-6700 or visit constitutioncenter.org.