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Dear Parents and Junior Youth Legislature Participants,

The 36th Annual Alabama YMCA Junior Youth Legislature is quickly approaching, and we are excited to welcome your student to this meaningful civic and leadership experience. Below you will find important information to help you prepare for the day.

Junior Youth Legislature will take place on **Friday, January 23, 2026**, from **8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** The program will be held at the **Alabama State House**, located at **11 S Union Street, Montgomery, AL 36130**, in **Room 200**.

The Alabama YMCA Junior Youth Legislature is designed specifically for **6th through 8th grade students** who have an interest in government, leadership, and civic engagement. This program serves as an introduction to the Alabama Youth in Government program and provides students with a strong foundation in civic education while helping prepare them for leadership opportunities in high school.

Throughout the day, students from across Alabama will come together for a hands-on legislative experience. Participants will engage in bill writing and debate, attend workshops on parliamentary procedure, and even participate in a mock debate session. These sessions are designed to model the legislative process and help students gain confidence in public speaking, critical thinking, and collaboration.

Students will also learn about the various leadership roles available within Youth in Government. These roles include Presiding Officer, Floor Leader, Assistant Floor Leader, Reading Clerk, and Chaplain. Students interested in leadership positions will have the opportunity to learn about the petitioning and election process during the program.

The dress code for Junior Youth Legislature is **Sunday Dress**. Lunch will be provided on-site at the Alabama State House. Additional details, including final drop off and pick up reminders and any training materials, will be shared with advisors/teachers closer to the event date. If you have any questions prior to the program, please feel free to contact me.

If you have any questions prior to the program, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for supporting your student as they take this important step into civic leadership. I encourage each participant to step outside of their comfort zone, meet new people, try new things, and keep an open mind.

Sincerely,

Jessica Owens
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