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Building _____ **Grade** _____

Email Address _____

Were you a member of the PTA Legislation Committee last year? _____

The Half Hollow Hills Legislative Club is a student leadership organization for students who are interested in understanding and participating in civic life. The club focuses on issues that affect our communities, with particular attention to New York State and local government, while also exploring important national issues.

Members will have opportunities to learn about current civic and legislative issues and how government decisions affect our schools and communities, explore different perspectives on issues, and engage in respectful, informed discussion. Students from East and West will participate in service-learning projects that connect civic issues to action in our community and will plan and participate in our annual Legislative Breakfast, where we welcome legislators and community leaders and recognize them for their service. In addition, there will be a yearly field trip to either a town, county, or state legislature to engage in a civic activity. **ONLY STUDENTS WHO REGULARLY ATTEND MEETINGS PARTICIPATE IN THESE ACTIVITIES.** Due to the nature of the Club's activities, there is an application process and a cap on the number of students who can participate.

To be considered for the Club, you must complete this application.

In pen and handwritten, please respond to the following prompts and limit your response to the space provided. Please return completed applications in a sealed envelope to Mrs. Lippert's office at High School West or Mrs. Mendrinos at High School East.

All applications need to be submitted by September 25, 2026.

Prompt 1: Think about a time when you noticed something in your community that needed to change—maybe at school, in your neighborhood, or in your town. Describe the issue you noticed and explain why it matters to you personally.

Prompt 2: What is the difference between having a strong opinion and being an informed citizen?

Prompt 3: A legislator tells you, "Young people don't really understand how complicated these issues are." How would you respond?

Prompt 4: Explain why you should be considered for this club. If you were a member of the PTSA Legislative Committee in the past, please describe your experience, what you learned, and how you plan to continue supporting the goals and needs of the Half Hollow Hills community. If you were not on the Committee last year, explain what experiences you hope to gain and how you feel you can contribute to advocating for the Half Hollow Hills community.
