



October 1, 2024

Dear Ellington Family -

Ongoing coverage of the [Presidential Election 2024](#) continues.

Ellington High and Middle School students have participated in a [Seeds of Civility](#) lesson focusing on the difference between arguing and debating emphasizing moving away from personality politics and toward policy-driven debate.

Tonight—Tuesday, October 1st—all students grades 7-12 are encouraged to watch the Vice-Presidential debate. This is a voluntary homework assignment. EHS and EMS social studies teachers are prepared to discuss the debate with their classes on Wednesday.

What should students focus on?

To what extent do the Vice-Presidential candidates debate policy positions and/or their record as civil servants as opposed to personality attacks? How do they refer to the Presidential candidates? What tenets of the Seeds of Civility do they adhere to or violate?

Additional Upcoming Activities

Ellington High School

- October 17th and 18th (*two lessons - primary focus on immigration policy*)
- [Lesson Executive Summaries](#)

Ellington Middle School

- October 21st and 29th (*two lessons - primary focus on gun control policy*)
- [Lesson Executive Summaries](#)

Ellington Elementary Schools (*details to be forthcoming*)

- Weeks of October 15th-30th
- 6th Grade Lessons
- 4th and 5th Grade Lessons

Dr. Scott Nicol, Superintendent of Schools