## Welcome to the 2017 We the People NY State Hearings

We are glad you could join us for today's hearings. Please take a minute and familiarize yourself with some of the guidelines for guests...

- Students, teachers and/or parents may not go to any other hearing rooms during the rounds of testimony. You are only permitted to view your student's class. Students should not be congregating in the halls between rounds.
- It is very important that between units, classes remain as quiet as possible in their rooms. You may interfere with another hearing if you are too loud. Clapping after a completed unit is permissible, but all other noise must be kept at a minimum.
- Once the unit hearing starts, the doors to the rooms will be closed.
  No one (except in emergencies) will be allowed in or out during the 20-minute hearings.
- All electronic devices that may interfere or distract from the proceedings must be turned off throughout the hearings. Cell phones, pagers, watches, etc., must be on silent mode.
- Food is not permitted in the hearing rooms. Beverages are allowed. <u>Please note:</u> The luncheon following the hearings is for the students and teachers. Please make alternative lunch arrangements and feel free to join us at 1:15 for the Awards Ceremony.

Please help us maintain an atmosphere of civility and scholarship throughout the morning. Your understanding is appreciated.