

Schedule of Events

8:30 –9:15 AM, Registration, Capitol Building

Students, teachers, and parents will meet at a central location to confirm their attendance and receive any information they will need throughout the day.

9:15 —9:35 AM, Opening Ceremonies, House of Delegates Chamber

Various state elected officials will be invited to address the students assembled from across the Commonwealth. They may discuss the importance of the VSPME, the YPF, civics education, or an issue they view as particularly significant. Recognition will also be given to those who have put forth time, *effort*, and contributions for the YPF.

9:45 — 10:30 AM, Small Group Discussions, GAB Conference Rooms

The 100 students will be pre-divided into groups of twenty-five, and assigned to one of Ibur General Assembly Building Conference Rooms. Each group of twenty-five will then divide into a group of five students. These five students will work together to brainstorm issues of importance to themselves and youth in general. They will determine the principles behind each issue and its importance and relevance to youth. At this time, students should refrain from extensively discussing solutions to the problem, but rather simply recognizing them. A Governor's School student will moderate and serve as a "secretary" for each group, facilitating the discussion. Each group will then select a spokesperson to explain the group's top two issues to the reconvened group of twenty. five,

10:30 AM— 11:45 PM, Large Group Discussions , GAB Conference Rooms

Each group spokesperson will have 10 minutes to present their group's two issues. If the spokesperson finishes before 10 minutes, he/she can field questions from the large group for the remainder of the 10 minutes.

11:45 — 12:45 PM, Lunch, Front Steps of the Capitol

Lunch will be provided for the students in front of the Capitol (inside if rain). Moderators will encourage students to socialize and meet new people from across the Commonwealth. Large group moderators will meet to discuss the issues presented in their groups. A group picture will also be taken on the front steps of the capital.

12:45 — 1:15 PM, Large Group Discussions, GAB Conference Rooms

Each group oitwenty-five students will reconvene in order to select the **one** issue of most importance to them. Moderators will facilitate discussion and will assist the group in reaching some type of consensus. One spokesperson will also be selected to present the issue to all 100 students and any officials present.

1:15 — 2:30 PM, Speech Preparation, GAB Conference Rooms

Each spokesperson for the group of twenty-five students will work with the group moderator and approximately 3 students from the group to develop a speech that defines the issue, presents the background of the issue, the issue, its relevance and importance to youth, and any possible solutions the group may have suggested.