So You **Don’t** Want to Run for President?

1. You must prepare your views on the following issues, based on the viewpoint of your party. You must write a 5 – 7 sentence paragraph for each of the seven platform issues.

What is the issue?

What is our candidate’s stance on the issue?

Why is our party’s viewpoint better for society?

* **Search & Seizure** – Should the government be allowed to conduct electronic “searches” like GPS tracking in student ID’s and/or cell phone tracking?
* **Health** - Should the U.S. Government guarantee health insurance for all people, even it meant an increase in taxes?
* **ISIS** – Should we puts “boots on the ground” and intensify our war against the terrorist group, even if it means risking the lives of U.S. soldiers?
* **Emergency Financial Managers** – Should the state government have the power to dissolve democratically-elected local governments and appoint someone to solve significant financial issues?
* **Immigration** – Should the federal government establish a “path to citizenship”, that includes amnesty, for the approximately 15 million immigrants that are currently in the United States without legal status?
* **Economy** – Should the U.S. Government cut social programs (for the poor & unemployed) to pay down the national debt?
* **Minimum Wage** – Should the Michigan Legislature pass a law that increases the state’s minimum wage from $7.40 per hour to $9.50 per hour?

2. Make 2 **Colorful** posters (neat) for the candidate of your party. Each poster must have:

* Candidate’s name
* Catchy Slogan
* **1 point of view of your party**
* Be **completely different** from your first poster.
* Be neatly written or typed & quality work
* Color - You must use different colors and your party symbol.

3. Make a colorful button out of **cardboard**. It must be at least ***4 inches in diameter***. You must wear this during the day on Tuesday --- all day --- and have it checked by a teacher - morning, noon and last hour with a signature (there’s plenty of room). ***Do not ask me - I’m busy!!***

4. Write a 100 word speech on why you like the candidate of your party. Please start off the speech with this opening: “Fellow Americans, students, teachers and friends . . . ”

5. Hand in a map of a state. On it, map out a three day trip in the state in which you campaign for your candidate. Show the 3 places of where you stopped to campaign. Make sure that you explain, in detail, why these 3 stops were important places of interest. Write a paragraph for each city/stop.

Position Views, Speeches, and Maps are to be handed in together. Posters are to be approved and placed in the halls. Your button is to be worn on ***Election Day*** and it will be graded then.