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I absolutely oppose lowering the voting age from 18 to 16, even for school district elections. 18 is barely old enough to have sufficient life experience & knowledge to make a mature judgement regarding voting. 16 & 17 year-olds lack maturity and brain development critical for decision making. In addition, since they are still in high school, they are very susceptible to being unduly influenced by their peers and especially their teachers in regard to their voting decisions. Voting is not child's play. It needs to be retained only for legal adults.