

**PROJECT INFORMATION SHEET**

# Every Vote Counts

The representatives we elect to hold offices in our government have the power to affect the lives of all people in the community in positive or negative ways. They can make our lives easier or harder, open doors or close them, and otherwise determine what opportunities are available to us. Because of this, it is crucial that the methods we use for electing these officials give everyone an equal voice in their selection. In this project, you are going to examine many different methods of voting to find the one you think is the most equitable for use in your community. You will use math to analyze these methods, identify the process for changing a voting method, and write a persuasive letter to an audience with the power to make this change.

**Driving Question:**

What is the most equitable way to elect a new member of government?

**Goal:**

The goal is to analyze data to determine the most equitable method for voting.

**Role:**

Have been asked to research the different methods of voting and create a poll to analyze the differences in the data collection.

**Audience:**

The target audience is the mayor and other local officials of Clark, New Jersey.

**Situation:**

You need to convince the mayor of Clark, New Jersey, of the best voting method for our local elections based on your research and data for a more equitable election.

## Product/Performance and Purpose:

You will prepare an email to send to town officials to argue to keep or change the current voting system in place. You should include in this email collected information from your own poll and visual displays of the data and description of how each voting method is affected. You will also include an infographic to inform others of the different voting methods.

## Standards & Criteria for Success:

Your product must meet the standards included on the rubric. Your product must contain a poll and analyzed data. You must also write a clear and concise persuasive e-mail using proper grammar and punctuation.