



LEARNING BY
HEARINGS

Congressional Inquiries that Engage the Next Generation

Extra-curricular
opportunities for high
school students from
Wayne State's Levin Center

Learning by Hearings (LbH), a civic education program from the Carl Levin Center for Oversight and Democracy, offers students immersive, hands-on learning experiences. Through its extra-curricular program – the Mock Oversight Hearing – LbH introduces participants to legislative oversight and equips them with essential skills in critical thinking, public speaking, and problem solving.

The Mock Oversight Hearing is
delivered in partnership with the
YMCA's Youth & Government
program.

- Content is crafted by certified educators who provide an annual scenario to engage students in real-world legislative issues
- Offered as a supplemental module to your programming

Participants will:

- Learn about government accountability and transparency and how these concepts relate to oversight
- Research and prepare for a hypothetical state-based scenario using a contemporary issue.
 - Past examples include infrastructure failure, questions of federalism, and environmental justice and regulations
- Conduct a full mock hearing that includes questioning witnesses and identifying solutions to complex issues



If you're interested in participating, contact the team for availability and pricing at
LbH.LevinCenter@wayne.edu.



What participants are saying...

I was fortunate enough to be selected for the team, and being on it really exposed me to things I'd never heard of before and allowed me to have a greater understanding of how the government works and what kind of processes there are to help people.

-2024 MI Participant



There may always be more to a story than what it seems. This role showed me that I can find out.

-2021 MI Participant

Students get to see behind the curtain of how the first steps of real change come through. They can start to really be advocates for themselves and their community.

-2024 MI Teacher

