

# LA LUMIERE SCHOOL

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Dear Chief Justice Roberts,

As high school civics teachers at your alma mater, we write to request that when the Supreme Court returns to hearing oral arguments on the first Monday in October, you will continue to provide live audio access to them.

We believe that the live argument broadcasts made accessible to the public in May helped countless students across the country better understand and engage with the critical issues before the court. Some of us at La Lumiere used the livestreams to supplement our lesson plans, and others among us are hoping to work them into our curriculum this fall and beyond.

Through the hearings, students gain a window into the role of the Court as a guardian of American democracy, in real-time. This holds inestimable value both as a teaching tool and as a way to instill in students an interest in the values and institutions that animate representative government. When students listen to the Court as they study civics at La Lumiere in particular, they are reminded that they themselves, or the person next to them, may one day take a place of leadership in the American experiment. It may seem trivial, but live audio access to the Court's proceedings can help students feel that they are already participants in that experiment, and that it is a sacred duty of theirs to remain engaged.

Thank you for your service and thank you for considering our request.

Respectfully,

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