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WEEKLY NEWS UPDATE

The Daily Show: How Racist Is Boston - Beyond the Scenes
In this episode, Roy and Daily Show producer CJ Hunt discuss their 2018 field piece exploring Boston's reputation as one of America's most racist cities, and ask Boston's NAACP President Tanisha Sullivan whether the city has made any progress in the wake of the 2020 racial reckoning.

Black News Channel: BNC interview with Dr. Corey Wiggins
Dr. Wiggins, Executive Director of the NAACP Mississippi State Conference, talks about NAACP's COVID initiative and the impact the CDC's new guidance has on Black communities.

NAACP: Hey Black America
Our Director of Annual Fund, Dréya St. Clair Thompson, discusses the impact Black women have had on American democracy and how the NAACP has been able to uplift and empower Black women all across the country.

CNN: NAACP Op-Ed: American democracy's infrastructure is crumbling
President Joe Biden calls the sweeping bipartisan infrastructure package under consideration by Congress a signal to the world that "our democracy can function, deliver, and do big things." However, for our democracy to function, it requires not only the building of roads, bridges and railways, but also the guarantee of access and participation in our political process.

Clarion Ledger: NAACP Op-Ed: Black Americans in South bear brunt of pandemic
Existing racial disparities and health inequities undoubtedly contribute to the widening gap of Black deaths as a result of COVID-19, but the negligence of elected officials implementing

lackluster vaccination rollout campaigns and pushing for removal of COVID-19 restrictions has only exacerbated the toll on our communities and unfortunately continues to today.

Yahoo News: Ohio Court Sentences Black Woman to 18 Months in Prison the Day After Giving White Woman Probation for Same Crime
"I think it reinforces the lack of trust in the justice system," said Danielle Sydnor, president of Cleveland's NAACP chapter. "These types of things are the way the system was designed, and they will continue to happen if we don't have large-scale reform."

Chicago Crusader: NAACP Op-Ed: For Black Chicagoans, the decision to get vaccinated is now in our hands.
Sixty-eight percent of Black Americans know someone who has died of COVID-19. It's a sobering but unsurprising number; one that in part reflects how the pandemic has hit Black students, businesses, employees, and homeowners the hardest. Countless Black Chicagoans have been infected and died from COVID-19, including many Black families who have lost loved ones across several generations. Too many have experienced double funerals, or funerals for multiple family members in successive weeks.

ABC News: NAACP: Justice must probe arrest threats against Texas Dems
The NAACP is urging the Justice Department to investigate whether a federal crime was being committed when Texas Republicans threatened to have their Democratic colleagues arrested.

CNN: NAACP to launch voter mobilization campaign
The NAACP is partnering with several other civil rights groups to launch a national voter mobilization campaign this week that aims to engage more people in the fight for federal voting legislation and motivate voters to participate in the upcoming 2022 midterm elections. NAACP leaders say the "Fighting for Our Vote" campaign will target diverse cities in states that have passed restrictive voter laws such as Houston, Detroit, Milwaukee, and Miami.

Washington Post: NAACP: Justice must probe arrest threats against Texas Dems
The NAACP, one of the nation's leading civil rights groups, is urging the Justice Department to investigate whether a federal crime was being committed when Texas Republicans threatened to have their Democratic colleagues arrested for refusing to

attend a legislative session in an effort to try and block a sweeping elections overhaul bill that makes it harder to vote in the state.

Associated Press: NAACP: Justice must probe arrest threats against Texas Dems
NAACP President Derrick Johnson sent the letter late Wednesday to Kristen Clarke, who runs the Justice Department's civil rights division. In the letter, Johnson said he had conferred with at least three of the Democrats who had been threatened with arrest and agreed that federal authorities should step in to investigate.

Essence: NAACP and Allies in Labor, Social Justice Kick Off Multiracial Voting Rights Campaign
A multiracial coalition of civil rights, social justice, and labor organizations have launched a national campaign aimed at raising awareness of voting rights protections. It's called `Fighting for Our Vote.' The new campaign is being spearheaded by the NAACP, ACLU, AFSCME, American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO, and the National Education Association. Collectively, the groups represent millions of members.

CBS News: Democrats renew push on elections and voting rights bill as GOP vows to block
"The White House must now prioritize voting rights legislation with the same level of urgency and commitment as the bipartisan infrastructure bill," NAACP President Derrick Johnson said. "Time is running out."

Precinct Reporters: OC NAACP Reaching Students
In Orange County, where Black students make up just a small percentage at local elementary schools, it's easy for kids to lose their sense of self in a sea of faces where few or none of the others look like them. A new program from the Orange County Branch NAACP wants to help them understand their place in the challenges they face, much of which may not even be in their vocabulary, but they know something is off. Growing up in a county where they are in the extreme minority, they need a place to share their feelings.

ABC 8: Hanover NAACP says school board's decision to make masks optional puts teachers, students at risk
The Hanover County NAACP reacted to the school board's decision not to require that masks be worn by students and staff at Hanover schools in a statement Wednesday. During a heated school board meeting on Tuesday, the Hanover School Board decided to give families and staff the option to wear masks at

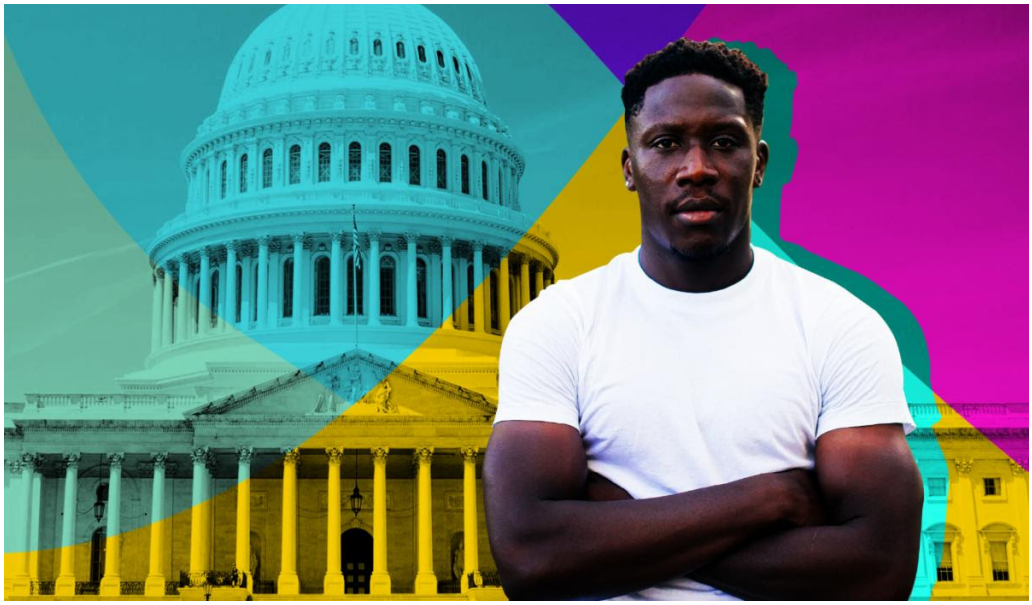
schools regardless of vaccination status. The Hanover NAACP branch said this is a "totally irresponsible decision" that puts the health of students and teachers at risk.

STATEMENTS:

- **NAACP President and CEO, Derrick Johnson, Releases Statement on 2020 Census Data Release**
- **NAACP Releases New Report: Turning the Tide: Advancing Racial Justice in Federal Flood Infrastructure Projects Report**
- **NAACP Host Briefing with Senator Elizabeth Warren and Andre M. Perry in latest signal to Cancel Student Debt for Millions**
- **New NAACP Directors to Strengthen Work in Justice, Education, and Health**
- **NAACP President Derrick Johnson on Passage of Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill**
- **Coalition of Civil Rights, Labor, and Social Justice organizations Launch Fighting For Our Vote, A Multicultural Voting Rights Campaign**

TAKE ACTION:

SIGN THE PETITION: Urge Federal Government to Protect Our Democracy



The fundamental right of every eligible voter to cast their ballot and every resident to have their voice heard as a member of society are cornerstones of our democracy. As a nation, we can ensure elections are free of barriers for all eligible voters.

- **The NAACP is calling for: The Federal Government to provide funds to states to improve election administration and upgrade voting systems.**

- **The Federal Government to create minimum standards for states to follow in several key areas of election administration to ensure full and safe voter participation such as an extended early voting period and vote-by-mail.**

- **The Federal Government, through the Election Assistance Commission, must serve as a clearinghouse for election administration information that complies with full voter participation.**

Join the NAACP in calling for the federal government to provide dedicated resources to guarantee that all communities — especially those systematically left behind — are included.

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Sincerely,

Shelley Ragsdale,
President, Flagler County NAACP-Unit 5147

Mission
The mission of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate race-based discrimination.

Vision Statement
The vision of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is to ensure a society in which all individuals have equal rights without discrimination based on race.

Founded in 1909, the NAACP is the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization.
The Flagler County Florida Branch NAACP was chartered February 15, 1986.

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