

PRESS ADVISORY

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ALABAMA BUSINESS AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNITIES UNITE TO SUPPORT YOUTH WATER POLICY DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

March 24th, Indian Springs School: Representatives from diverse Alabama communities will be on hand to support an innovative public policy development program designed to establish bi-partisan, objective recommendations for new statewide water quality policies. On April 1st and 3rd, representatives from the environmental protection, industrial, and public policy communities will be present to work with students to incorporate the economic, ecological, and public health goals of their communities into all future student policy recommendations.

Representatives from the following agencies will work directly with students to realistically incorporate the needs of their communities into any recommendations for water policy in the state of Alabama.

Alabama Power Alabama Rivers Alliance Black Warrior Riverkeeper Drummond Company
Birmingham Water Works Board Coalition of Alabama Students for the Environment (CASE)
Red Mountain Law Group

WHEN: April 1st and April 3rd, 10 AM – 11:30 AM

LOCATION: Indian Springs School, 190 Woodward Drive, Indian Springs, AL

On February 14th, students in Lisa Balazs' 8th grade Science course began this 8-week workshop with a goal of creating policy recommendations that make sense for all of Alabama's public and private water users. As students develop and propose policy recommendations, the challenge will be to devise compromises which can accommodate the unique goals of each Alabama water user.

Student work is intended to directly support the development of Alabama's Statewide Water Management Plan. All student work will be presented in a final report to over 25 local and statewide elected officials on April 9th, at the Alabama State House. Advance information about this upcoming event is available upon request.

Located near the intersection of I-65 and I-459 just south of Birmingham, **Indian Springs School** is a national leader in coed boarding and day education in grades 8-12. Founded in 1952, the mission of the school is to develop in students a love of learning, a sense of integrity and moral courage, and an ethic of participatory citizenship. For more information about the school, visit www.indiansprings.org.