

## **School Water Use and Safety Committee Chairperson's Guidelines**

- You are considering the following issue:

Should the committee suggest the legislature pass a law to require schools to sell bottled water?

During the preparation periods you will need to do the following:

- You should decide in what order the groups will testify and how you might ask them to respond to or rebut other groups' testimonies.
- Come up with a system for keeping the hearing orderly. While the witnesses are testifying, all other groups should be quiet and attentive. If participants are not cooperating, you can ask the teacher to remove individuals from the hearings.
- Think of questions to ask the witnesses. What information do you think the committee needs in order to make an informed decision about this issue? Use the Tox Town resources to think of the important issues that groups will bring up and to help you to come up with questions. Write down questions to ask each witness group. The witness groups will be asked to testify before the School Water Use and Safety Committee.

After the hearing, you will be asked to move to a private space and deliberate on these issues in order to make recommendations to the state legislature. You will then report your decisions to the interest groups.