**Big Question Debate**

**Date:** Thursday, Dec. 8

**Location:** Brookings High School

**Resolution:** Resolved: Science leaves no room for free will.

**Entry Fee:** FREE!!!!!

**Registration:** Tabroom.com It will stay open until the day before- but if you can get estimates in so we can start planning rooms that would be great and the number of judges.

**Resources:** Sample cases, primers, and other materials are available at the NSDA website or simply Google Big Question Debate. Prep for this debate can be as much or as little as your team wants.

**Why?** If we have 45 entries our district receives $1,700 check. Second, it is a great way for our debaters to come and apply their skills to a different form and format of debate. I view it as a great exercise in using what they learned in other forms of debate and putting it to good use. It is real application because it persuading community members that their position is correct.

**Judges:** We want community members because that is the purpose of this debate. This is where I will need your help. We need probably 30 judges to volunteer from Brookings. I will be contacting sources in Brookings- but if you have some that you know about that would be great. Do **NOT** hire judges.

**Schedule:**

**3:30- Judge Meeting**

**3:45- Round 1**

**4:45- Round 2**

**Lunch Break (Food for judges provided from funds from NSDA)**

**6:15- Round 3**

**7:15- Paperwork for everyone**

**7:30- Awards**

**Format:**

For those of you who have been following the Big Question Debate a couple things have changed

1. You can debate as an individual or a team of 2. In rounds you can have debates 1 vs 1 or 1 vs 2 or 2 vs 1.
2. Times have been shortened- the longest speech is now 5 minutes and the debate take only 45 minutes.

**Structure:**

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| Aff Constructive | 5min |
| Neg Constructive | 5 min |
| CX | 3 min |
| Aff Rebuttal | 4 min |
| Neg Rebuttal | 4 min |
| CX | 3 min |
| Aff Consolidation | 3 min |
| Neg Consolidation | 3 min |
| Aff Rationale  | 2 min |
| Neg Rationale | 2 min  |
| PREP per Side | 5 min |