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SECRETARY MERRILL JOINS HEBRON 2ND GRADERS TO SELECT 77 PRECINCTS FOR AUDITS FOLLOWING NOVEMBER 4TH GENERAL ELECTION

SECRETARY OF THE STATE ALSO RELEASES PARTIAL FIGURES ON VOTER TURNOUT
AND ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION FOR 2014 SHOWING 55% OF CT REGISTERED
VOTERS CAST BALLOTS; NEARLY 14,000 NEW VOTERS USED ELECTION DAY
REGISTRATION

Hartford: Secretary of the State Denise Merrill today joined 2nd grade students at Gilead Hill School in Hebron to randomly select the voting precincts which will have election results audited following the November 4, 2014 general election. As required by Connecticut General Statutes 9-320f, ten percent of the polling precincts in the election using optical scan voting machines are subject to an audit. All told, 763 polling precincts used optical scan



voting machines on November 4th, meaning that some 77 precincts were chosen to have their election results audited. Secretary Merrill also released partial voter turnout figures from the 2014 general election showing more than 55% of registered voters in Connecticut cast ballots, including nearly 14,000 new voters who took advantage of Election Day Registration to vote.

“Voters had their say on November 4th and now we must audit the machine totals from the general election so we can ensure the accuracy of our optical scanners,” said Secretary Merrill, Connecticut’s chief elections official. “I am so happy to involve the wonderful 2nd graders from Gilead Hill School in Hebron in our real-life democracy that must take place after every election. We are committed to making sure Connecticut voters have continued confidence that their votes

were recorded accurately and that’s why these independent audits are so vital. We don’t just take the machines’ word for it. So we will have every ballot cast in a full 10% of precincts using optical scan machines hand counted and matched against the machine totals. Connecticut has the toughest elections audit law in the country and I am confident that following this audit the numbers will once again match.”

Secretary Merrill added, “Our prediction of 55% voter turnout for the general election on November 4, 2014 seems to be spot on. I am very encouraged to see that nearly 14,000 Connecticut citizens became new voters because of Election Day registration. That is a remarkable number we can all be proud of because it shows we have expanded Democracy significantly and many new voters participated in elections this year. I commend municipalities across the state for doing a good job accommodating the crowds of first-time voters to register and cast ballots on Election Day.”

The post-election audits can begin as of November 19th and must be completed by November 24, 2014. In total, audits will be conducted in sixty precincts. The law requires a hand audit 10% of all polling places where optical scan machines were used in all elections and primaries. (Polling precincts which are already part of a recount are exempt from audits by statute). In addition to the 77 precincts chosen for an audit, there were also 23 alternate precincts chosen. The provisions in the law, developed in close cooperation with the computer science department at the University of Connecticut, give Connecticut one of the strictest audit statutes in the country. Connecticut is the first state in New England to require a comprehensive audit of election results.

Connecticut General Statute 9-320f states that local Registrars of Voters, “... shall conduct a manual audit of the votes recorded in not less than ten per cent of the voting districts in the state, district or municipality, whichever is applicable. Such manual audit shall be noticed in advance and be open to public observation.” The results of audits will be analyzed by the University of Connecticut and then presented to the Secretary of the State’s Office and the State Elections Enforcement Commission, and ultimately made available to the public.

The law contains a detailed description of the audit process:

“The manual audit... shall consist of the manual tabulation of the paper ballots cast and counted by each voting machine subject to such audit. Once complete, the vote totals established pursuant to the manual tabulation shall be compared to the results reported by the voting machine on the day of the election or primary. The results of the manual tabulation shall be reported on a form prescribed by the Secretary of the State which shall include the total number of ballots counted, the total votes received by each candidate in question, the total votes received by each candidate in question on ballots that were properly completed by each voter and the total votes received by each candidate in question on ballots that were not properly completed by each voter. Such report shall be filed with the Secretary of the State who shall immediately forward such report to The University of Connecticut for analysis. The University of Connecticut shall file a written report with the Secretary of the State regarding such analysis that describes any discrepancies identified. After receipt of such report, the Secretary of the State shall file such report with the State Elections Enforcement Commission.”

List of polling precincts to be audited:

Town	Polling Place
Ansonia	Ansonia Middle School Ward 4
Beacon Falls	Woodland Regional High School

Bethel	Bethel Municipal Center 1
Bridgeport	Luis Munoz Marin
Bridgeport	Aquaculture
Chaplin	Firehouse
Cheshire	Chapman School - Dist. 2
Coventry	North Coventry Fire Station
Danbury	Danbury High School Gym - Ward 1
Danbury	Danbury High School - Ward 1
Danbury	Park Avenue School Gym - Ward 6
Darien	District 2 /Town Hall
Derby	Irving Elementary School Ward 2 Dist. 105
East Hampton	East Hampton High School
East Hartford	Saint Christopher Church Hall
Enfield	J F K Middle School - District I
Enfield	Henry Barnard School - District IV
Enfield	Henry Barnard School - District IV
Fairfield	Mc Kinley School
Franklin	Franklin Town Hall
Granby	Granby Memorial High School
Greenwich	Julian Curtiss School 1A
Groton	Westside Middle School District 2
Groton	School Administration Bldg District 5
Groton	Groton Public Library District 1
Guilford	Abraham Baldwin School
Hamden	Spring Glen School Dist. 4
Hamden	Board Of Education Building Dist. 5
Hartford	Liberty Christian Center - 23 Vine St - Voting District #2
Hartford	Rawson School - GYM - 260 Holcomb St - Voting District #7
Hartford	Annie Fisher School Gym - 280 Plainfield Street - Voting District #8
Hartford	Parkville Community School - 1755 Park St - Voting District #13
Harwinton	Town Hall Assembly Room
Killingly	Killingly High School 1 District 2
Killingly	Killingly Community Center District 5
Litchfield	Northfield Fire House 2
Litchfield	Northfield Fire House 4
Manchester	Manchester High School
Meriden	Maloney High School Area 3 PCT. 9

Meriden	Lincoln Middle School Area 4 PCT. 13
Middletown	Senior Cntr./Sbona Towers District 14
Milford	Margaret S Egan Center - District 118-4
Milford	Joseph A Foran High School District 4
Naugatuck	Cross Street School
Naugatuck	Oak Terrace
New Britain	Slade Middle School District 15
New Britain	Roosevelt Middle School District 3
New Canaan	New Canaan High School Gym Dist. 1
New Hartford	New Hartford Town Hall
New London	Nathan Hale School District 3
New Milford	Schaghichoke School
Newington	Martin Kellogg Middle School---District---7
Norwalk	Marvin School
Norwalk	Nathaniel Ely School
Old Lyme	Cross Lane Firehouse
Old Saybrook	Old Saybrook Senior High School, District 2
Plainfield	1 Town Hall
Putnam	Murphy Park Building District 1
Redding	Redding Community Center 2
South Windsor	Eli Terry School-Gym
Southington	Plantsville School
Stonington	BF Hoxie Engine Comany
Stratford	Lordship School 1st
Stratford	Wooster Middle School 6th
Stratford	Second Hill Lane School 10th
Tolland	Hicks Gym-1
Trumbull	St Joseph High School Dist. 2
Trumbull	St Joseph High School Dist. 2
Wallingford	Dag Hammarskjold Middle School
Waterbury	Washington School
Waterbury	Blessed Sacrament School
Waterford	Oswegatchie School District 3
Weston	Weston Middle School - 28
Wethersfield	United Methodist Church
Windham	B.P.O.E. Elks 1311 Assembly District 48
Woodbridge	Center School 2

Woodbridge	Center School 1
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List of Alternate Polling Precincts chosen:

Town	Polling Place
Burlington	Town Hall
Milford	Meadowside School - District 118-2
Windham	B.P.O.E. Elks 1311 Windham
Winchester	Pearson School
Westport	Long Lots Elementary School Gymnasium District 136-3
Danbury	Stadley Rough School Gym - Ward 3
New Milford	Pettibone School
Naugatuck	Cross Street School - A
Middlebury	Shepardson Community Center 01
Bloomfield	Metacomet School
Vernon	Vernon Center Middle School
Chester	Chester Town Office Building
Monroe	Fawn Hollow School
Stamford	Westover School
Norwalk	West Rocks School
Rocky Hill	Rocky Hill Community Center
Stratford	Stratford High School 2nd
Middletown	Spencer School District 13
Darien	District 4 / Hindley School
Stamford	Agudath Sholom
Newington	Anna Reynolds School ---District---3
Ellington	Ellington High School
Stamford	Julia A. Stark School

2014 General Election Voter Turnout (based on head moderator returns)

***denotes municipality not yet reported**

TOWN	Total Names on Registry List	Total Names Checked as Voting	Turnout Percentage	EDR Voters
Andover	2036	1368	67%	26
Ansonia*			#DIV/0!	51
Ashford	2658	1706	64.18%	19
Avon	11558	7781	67.32%	91
Barkhamsted	2604	1602	61.52%	18
Beacon Falls	3880	2085	53.74%	28
Berlin	12912	8794	68.11%	91
Bethany	3893	2501	64.24%	29

Bethel	11320	6404	56.57%	63
Bethlehem	2477	1693	68.35%	22
Bloomfield	12707	8444	66.45%	132
Bolton	3224	2346	72.77%	26
Bozrah	1706	1008	59.09%	13
Branford	18025	10869	60.30%	112
Bridgeport	58076	21593	37.18%	270
Bridgewater	1284	942	73.36%	7
Bristol	31509	17003	53.96%	209
Brookfield	9878	6216	62.93%	
Brooklyn	4683	2441	52.12%	35
Burlington	6081	3919	64.45%	42
Canaan	778	471	60.54%	14
Canterbury	3315	1981	59.76%	22
Canton	7060	4456	63.12%	57
Chaplin	1330	854	64.21%	8
Cheshire*			#DIV/0!	102
Chester	2471	1463	59.21%	38
Clinton	9285	5156	55.53%	68
Colchester	10136	6080	59.98%	74
Colebrook	1075	692	64.37%	16
Columbia	3623	2527	69.75%	54
Cornwall	983	730	74.26%	5
Coventry	7111	4823	67.82%	56
Cromwell	9328	5522	59.20%	71
Danbury	34631	16129	46.57%	159
Darien*			#DIV/0!	91
Deep River	3153	1930	61.21%	36
Derby	5398	3327	61.63%	51
Durham	5036	3283	65.19%	24
East Granby	3519	2299	65.33%	40
East Haddam	5834	3678	63.04%	58
East Hampton	7775	5294	68.09%	57
East Hartford	25531	12205	47.80%	233
East Haven	15047	8094	53.79%	100
East Lyme	10907	7465	68.44%	113
East Windsor	7198	3647	50.67%	57
Eastford	1174	725	61.75%	10
Easton	5177	3005	58.05%	38
Ellington	9402	5709	60.72%	91
Enfield	21637	12423	57.42%	131
Essex	4657	3242	69.62%	52
Fairfield	36865	20998	56.96%	159
Farmington	17194	10569	61.47%	117
Franklin	1199	835	69.64%	8
Glastonbury*			#DIV/0!	
Goshen	2048	1489	72.71%	20
Granby	7058	4800	68.01%	56
Greenwich	32376	19120	59.06%	189
Griswold	6542	3689	56.39%	74
Groton	17996	9917	55.11%	203
Guilford	14132	10056	71.16%	100
Haddam	5772	3761	65.16%	39
Hamden	33235	18883	56.82%	
Hampton	1183	828	69.99%	9
Hartford	48694	15668	32.18%	383

Hartland	1530	932	60.92%	12
Harwinton	4082	2453	60.09%	20
Hebron	6447	4065	63.05%	44
Kent	1891	1284	67.90%	16
Killingly	9283	4409	47.50%	76
Killingworth	4306	2936	68.18%	33
Lebanon	4318	2884	66.79%	41
Ledyard	8402	5073	60.38%	60
Lisbon	2576	1561	60.60%	28
Litchfield	5209	3487	66.94%	43
Lyme	1783	1212	67.98%	
Madison	13254	8037	60.64%	120
Manchester	26832	16615	61.92%	274
Mansfield	11357	5636	49.63%	383
Marlborough	4011	2698	67.27%	37
Meriden	28312	14546	51.38%	183
Middlebury	5215	3255	62.42%	38
Middlefield	3132	2015	64.34%	22
Middletown	19565	12528	64.03%	407
Milford	33249	18602	55.95%	193
Monroe	11779	7239	61.46%	47
Montville	8449	5377	63.64%	67
Morris	1657	1025	61.86%	23
Naugatuck	16888	8329	49.32%	110
New Britain	25640	13112	51.14%	235
New Canaan	12857	7172	55.78%	74
New Fairfield	9503	4600	48.41%	26
New Hartford	4394	3081	70.12%	56
New Haven	70832	27127	38.30%	616
New London	14462	5253	36.32%	145
New Milford	16401	8455	51.55%	83
Newington	17406	10973	63.04%	119
Newtown	17125	10264	59.94%	66
Norfolk	1033	738	71.44%	17
North Branford	8956	5091	56.84%	48
North Canaan*	1982		0.00%	31
North Haven	15308	9533	62.27%	81
North Stonington	3794	2123	55.96%	20
Norwalk	44394	22492	50.66%	287
Norwich	19546	8411	43.03%	109
Old Lyme	5114	3577	69.95%	33
Old Saybrook	7585	4682	61.73%	59
Orange	10354	5833	56.34%	43
Oxford	8751	4911	56.12%	38
Plainfield	8643	3845	44.49%	58
Plainville	10587	6001	56.68%	51
Plymouth	7383	3873	52.46%	52
Pomfret	2488	1575	63.30%	16
Portland	5480	3544	64.67%	97
Preston*			#DIV/0!	
Prospect	6126	4181	68.25%	55
Putnam	5203	2422	46.55%	32
Redding	6957	3831	55.07%	44
Ridgefield	16644	9446	56.75%	74
Rocky Hill	10853	6858	63.19%	103
Roxbury	1691	1157	68.42%	4

Salem	2432	1695	69.70%	30
Salisbury	2898	1761	60.77%	30
Scotland	1118	679	60.73%	7
Seymour	9495	5415	57.03%	61
Sharon	1625	1114	68.55%	25
Shelton	22020	12959	58.85%	174
Sherman	2603	1492	57.32%	14
Simsbury	16208	10520	64.91%	101
Somers	5602	3693	65.92%	30
South Windsor	15469	10085	65.19%	92
Southbury	13571	8439	62.18%	84
Southington	25861	16514	63.86%	144
Sprague	1674	1113	66.49%	16
Stafford	7531	4406	58.50%	48
Stamford	58769	30095	51.21%	285
Sterling	2205	1055	47.85%	16
Stonington	12514	7373	58.92%	89
Stratford	31600	15934	50.42%	162
Suffield	8268	5251	63.51%	49
Thomaston	4350	2864	65.84%	41
Thompson	5329	2869	53.84%	26
Tolland	9274	6216	67.03%	46
Torrington	10048	5310	52.85%	119
Trumbull	24092	13483	55.96%	117
Union	603	405	67.16%	1
Vernon	14044	8955	63.76%	134
Voluntown	1371	922	67.25%	13
Wallingford	24960	15463	61.95%	147
Warren	982	641	65.27%	8
Washington	2402	1424	59.28%	22
Waterbury	56515	20675	36.58%	225
Waterford	12514	7577	60.55%	115
Watertown	14525	8630	59.41%	108
West Hartford	39509	22248	56.31%	326
West Haven	24698	13977	56.59%	199
Westbrook	4248	2816	66.29%	38
Weston	6094	3672	60.26%	49
Westport	16305	10048	61.63%	96
Wethersfield	16484	10713	64.99%	99
Willington	3178	2109	66.36%	40
Wilton	11489	6952	60.51%	56
Winchester*			#DIV/0!	
Windham	10350	5278	51.00%	106
Windsor	20154	10811	53.64%	116
Windsor Locks	7259	4194	57.78%	70
Wolcott	11019	6567	59.60%	60
Woodbridge	6493	3735	57.52%	50
Woodbury	6742	4235	62.82%	35
Woodstock	4895	2947	60.20%	39
Total Statewide Turnout	1,887,748	1,040,858	55.14%	13,548