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**SECRETARY MERRILL JOINS ESSEX
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS TO
SELECT 68 PRECINCTS FOR AUDITS
FOLLOWING NOVEMBER 3RD MUNICIPAL
ELECTIONS**

15 ALTERNATE PRECINCTS SELECTED

HARTFORD: Secretary of the State Denise W. Merrill today joined students from Essex Elementary School to randomly select the voting precincts which will have election results audited following the November 3, 2015 municipal elections. As required by Connecticut General Statutes 9-320f, ten percent of the polling places in the election using optical scan voting machines are subject to an audit. All told, 674 precincts used optical scan voting machines on November 3, meaning that some 68 precincts were chosen to have their election results audited.



The post-election audits can begin as of today, November 19, and must be completed by December 10, 2015. The law requires a hand audit of 10% of all polling places where optical scan machines were used in all elections and primaries. (Precincts which are already part of a recanvass (recount)

are exempt from audits by statute.) In addition to the 68 precincts that were chosen for an audit, there were also 15 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:

Avon Firehouse Company 1
Berlin Senior Center
Bethel Stony Hill Fire House 2
Branford St. Therese Church Dist 2
Bridgeport Bassick High School 132-02
Bridgeport Black Rock School 130-02
Bridgeport Hallen School 135-02
Bridgeport Aquaculture 130-01
Danbury West Side Middle School Academy
Derby Irving Elementary School Ward 2 Dist 104/105
East Hartford Anna Norris School
East Hartford Goodwin School
Groton City of Groton Municipal Building Dist 3

Guilford Calvin Leete School
Haddam Central Office
Hamden Keefe Community Center Dist 3
Hamden Ridge Hill School Dist 6
Hartford Bulkeley High School 19
Hartford Kennelly School 16
Hartford Environmental Sciences Magnet School -14
Killingly Killingly High School Dist 4
Litchfield Northfield Firehouse 2
Meriden St John Lutheran Church Area 3 pct. 10
Meriden St. Rose Community Center Area 1 Pct. 4
Middlefield Middlefield Community Center
Naugatuck Central Avenue School
New Britain HRA of New Britain Dist 13
New Canaan New Canaan High School Gym Dist 1
New Fairfield Co A Firehouse
New Fairfield Meeting House Hill School
New Haven Beecher School Ward 29
New Haven Career High School Ward 3
New Haven Firehouse Woodward Ward 17
New Haven Mauro Sheridan School Ward 26
New Haven Mitchell Library Ward 27
New Milford Northville School
New Milford Hill and Plain School
Newington Anna Reynolds School Dist 3
Newington John Paterson School Dist 6
Norwalk Ponus Ridge School D-1
Old Saybrook Old Saybrook Middle School Dist 1
Plainville Our Lady of Mercy Parish Hall
Preston Town Hall
Prospect Community School
Prospect Prospect Firehouse
South Windsor Eli Terry School Gym
Southington De Paolo School
Stamford Salvation Army
Stonington Deans Mill School
Thompson East Thompson Fire Station
Torrington Coe Park 1
Wallingford Dag Hammarskjold Middle School
Waterbury Crosby High School 4-2

Waterbury Gilmartin School 1-2
Waterbury Jonathan Reed School 2-2
Waterbury Washington Park Community House 5-2
Waterbury Washington School 5-4
Waterbury Blessed Sacrament School 3-2
West Hartford Elmwood Community Center Dist 4
West Hartford Conard High School Dist 6
West Hartford Wolcott School Dist 5
Westbrook Theresa Mulvey Municipal Center Dist 2
Weston Weston Middle School - 28
Westport Long Lots Elementary School Gym Dist 6
Westport Long Lots Elementary School Gym Dist 7
Windham BPOE Elks 1311 Willimantic
Windham VFW
Windsor LP Wilson

List of alternate polling precincts chosen:

Wethersfield Pitkin Community Center
Wethersfield Webb Elementary School
Hartford Parkville Community School 13
Bethel Frank A Berry School - 3
Hartford Parker Memorial Community Center 24
New Britain Chamberlain School Dist 9
Simsbury Tootin Hill School
Stamford Faith Tabernacle Church
Torrington Torrington School - 1
New Haven Branard School Ward 23
Stratford Stratford High School 2nd
Colchester Assembly of God Church Dist 4
Southbury Center Fire House
West Haven St. Paul Church Dist 4
Essex Town Hall