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ELECTION RESULTS TO BE AUDITED AT SELECTED POLLING LOCATIONS

A hand count of ballots from five percent of all polling places that use optical scanners to be matched against machine totals, which will affirm the integrity of the vote

HARTFORD: Secretary of the State Denise Merrill was joined by fifth grade students from the Glastonbury-East Hartford Elementary Magnet School to randomly select voting precincts to have primary results audited following the November 8 presidential election. Five percent of the polling places that use optical scan machines are subject to the audit, as prescribed by Connecticut General Statutes 9-320f. Those hand counted ballots will be matched against vote totals from optical scan machines.

Secretary Merrill said, “Connecticut should be proud to have some of the most stringent audit laws in the country. In an election year that saw various entities attempt to sow the seeds of doubt in the process, this state can be assured that all possible safeguards are in place to count every vote. Whether it is Election Day Registration, online voter registration or our meticulous audit process, the rights of the voter are our highest priority in Connecticut.”

Glastonbury-East Hartford Elementary Magnet School Principal Ryan Donlon said, “One of the greatest responsibilities of any school is to prepare its students to be active citizens within their communities. Today’s event is an opportunity for students to gain a unique perspective on the entirety of the electoral process, and in turn, to better understand their vital role in shaping the society they will lead into the future.”

There were 747 polling places that used optical scan machines on November 8 so the Secretary of the State chose 38 primary and another 31 alternate locations. The results of audits will be analyzed

by the University of Connecticut, the Secretary of the State's Office and the State Elections Enforcement Commission, and then be made available to the public.

Connecticut boasts one of the strictest audit statutes in the country and was the first state in New England to require a comprehensive audit of primary results.

The offices subject to audit are: President / Vice President, US Senate, and Representative in Congress.

List of polling places to be audited:

Bristol	Edgewood School	1	31	77
Colchester	Bacon Academy	2	33	48
Danbury	War Memorial Gym	5	24	110
Danbury	Westside Middle School Academy	5	24	138
East Lyme	East Lyme Community Center	2	20	37
East Windsor	Town Hall	1	3	57
Enfield	J F K Middle School	2	7	59
Fairfield	Sherman School	4	28	132
Glastonbury	District 4 - Gideon Welles School	1	4	31
Greenwich	Greenwich Town Hall	4	36	150
Groton	S B Butler School	2	18	41
Hamden	Dunbar Hill School	3	17	91
Hartford	Annie Fisher School - Gym	1	2	7
Killingly	Bd Of Ed Central Office - Cafeteria	2	29	44
Meriden	New Life Church	5	13	82
Meriden	St. John Lutheran Church	5	13	82
Middletown	Spencer School - District 2	3	9	100
Middletown	Woodrow Wilson Middle School - District 11	3	13	100
Middletown	Fayerweather Beckham Hall - District 14	3	9	33
Montville	Fair Oaks School-Gym-3	2	20	38
Naugatuck	Cross Street School - B	3	17	70
Norwalk	St. Mary's Community Hall	4	25	137
Norwalk	Roton Middle School	4	25	141
Norwalk	Wolfpit School	4	25	143
Ridgefield	East Ridge Middle School - 1	4	26	111
Ridgefield	Yanity Gym - 3	4	26	111
Shelton	Shelton Intermediate School	3	21	113
South Windsor	Philip R. Smith School-Gym	1	3	14

Southington	Hatton School	1	16	81
Stamford	Saint Bridget Church Hall	4	27	146
Stonington	BF Hoxie Engine Company	2	18	43
Stratford	Franklin School 121 23	3	23	121
Vernon	Skinner Road School	2	35	56
Washington	Town Hall	5	32	69
Watertown	Watertown Municipal Center	5	32	68
West Haven	Surfside Senior Housing	3	14	115
West Haven	John Prete Senior Housing	3	10	116
Wolcott	Wolcott High School	5	16	80

Alternates:

Hartford	Y W C A	1	2	7
Enfield	J F K Middle School	2	7	58
Durham	Korn School 2	3	12	86
Branford	Orchard House	3	12	102
Stafford	Stafford Community Center	2	35	52
Danbury	Danbury High School Gym	5	24	109
Killingly	Bd Of Ed Central Office - Cafeteria	2	29	44
Weston	Weston Middle School - 28	4	28	135
Norwalk	Ponus Ridge Middle School	4	25	142
Wethersfield	Emerson Williams School	1	1	28
Manchester	Martin School	1	4	13
Stratford	Nichols School 121 21	3	21	121
Stamford	Dolan Middle School	4	27	144
New Haven	Troup Academy	3	10	93
Killingly	Bd Of Ed Central Office - Cafeteria	2	29	44