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Results of Kids Voting Winchester-Frederick County Election Mirror Local Results

Kids Voting of Winchester-Frederick County enjoyed a successful 2010 election. During yesterday's election, 3,540 students cast ballots (Frederick Co.- 3,103; Winchester-437). Over the past three election cycles, nearly 12,000 students have participated in the Kids Voting election in Winchester and Frederick County (4,944 in 2008; 3,504 in 2009; 3,540 in 2010).

Kids Voting Winchester-Frederick County Chairman Steve Edwards says, "It's rewarding to see so many students take time to participate in the Kids Voting election each year. The program would not be possible without the support of Winchester City and Frederick County Public Schools, the local voter registrars, our outstanding volunteers, and the organizations and businesses who serve as precinct sponsors. Students are learning about the importance of elections and good citizenship through the Kids Voting program. It's our hope that Kids Voting encourages young people to become educated, life-long voters."

Students in Winchester and Frederick County preferred incumbent 10th district Congressman Frank Wolf over his two challengers, Jeff Barnett and William Redpath. Wolf received 70 percent of the Kids Voting tally compared to Barnett's 23 percent and Redpath's 7 percent.

There were four seats on the Winchester City Council up for grabs on yesterday's ballot. None of the races were contested. Students in Winchester selected Jeff Buettner for the First Ward seat, Evan Clark for the Second Ward seat, Art Major for the Third Ward seat and John Tagnesi for the Fourth Ward seat.

Kids Voting works to prepare young people to be educated, engaged voters. The program operates through a national network of community-based affiliates that partner with schools and election officials to offer students a wide range of opportunities for civic learning. It's the combination of classroom instruction, family dialogue, and an authentic voting experience that makes Kids Voting a powerful strategy for achieving long-term change in voting behavior.

After being introduced to the concepts of citizenship, students take part in a realistic voting experience using a ballot that mirrors that of the adults with the same candidates and issues. This "real life" practice dispels the mysteries of the voting process and reinforces the knowledge and skills gained through the Kids Voting classroom activities.

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