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Students Learn about Politics in Vermont

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In the Guilford Middle School's Social Studies and Language Arts classes the students learned about the candidates running for Senate, Governor, and Congress. In class, the students worked in groups on certain issues that the candidates were concerned about. After the students found the information about the issues they were studying, the groups started to form the information into posters and flyers. After we finished with our posters, the groups chose a few people in each group to debate against the other side on the specific issues that the students had studied. Then the audience that watched the debates vot-

ed on which team did a better job. In the 8th and 7th grade debates, Tarrant's group beat Sanders' group by 32 to 15 votes in 8th grade; in 7th, Sanders won 18-17. In 8th, Welch's group beat Rainville's, by 30 to 16 votes, while in 7th Rainville won 22-10. Finally, in 8th, [redacted] group beat Douglas's, 34 to 12; in 7th, Douglas won, 22-13.

The next day all of the students hung up their candidates' posters all around the school for the students' edification. The students held a mock election on November 7, 2006 at the Grange, and the middle school students participated in every aspect of it.

Comparison of the Results of the Guilford Student Mock Election with Guilford Voters and State Voters

SUBMITTED BY JENNIFER KRAMER

Guilford residents and Guilford Central School students voted side-by-side at the

Broad Brook Grange on Election Day, November 7th, 2006. Middle School students held a mock election for students in grades 2-8. Students registered student voters, educated them about the voting process, and finally, supervised student voting on Tuesday. Results were sent to the Secretary of State's office as part of a statewide "Kids Vote" campaign.

The results from the "Kids Vote" mock election, Guilford town election and Vermont state election are shown below. You may be surprised to see how similarly students and Guilford registered residents voted!

Office	Kids Vote Mock Election Winner	% of Votes Received	Guilford Voters Winner	% of Votes Received	State Winner	% of Votes Received
U.S. Senate	Bernard Sanders	56%	Bernard Sanders	72%	Bernard Sanders	65%
U.S. House	Peter Welch	56%	Peter Welch	67%	Peter Welch	53%
Vermont Governor	Scudder [redacted]	50%	Scudder [redacted]	63%	Jim Douglas	57%
Lt. Governor	Matt Dunne	58%	Matt Dunne	62%	Brian Dubie	51%