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“KIDS VOTE TOO” ON ELECTION DAY IN ESCAMBIA

Pensacola, Florida – Escambia County Supervisor of Elections David H. Stafford today announced that students in the Escambia County’s public high schools will cast a secure, online ballot in a simulated election on Tuesday, November 4th, through the “Kids Vote Too/Teens Vote Too” initiative.

The “Kids Vote, Too/Teens Vote Too” program offers teachers a one to two-week curriculum that meets Florida Sunshine State Standards, and has at its center an interactive website for all grade levels K-12 that includes activities and discussion topics for students, as well as a site specifically designed for parents. The curriculum is civics-based, and geared toward deepening students’ knowledge of how democracy works in America. Materials are made available via the website to all teachers interested in utilizing the curriculum. Area schools conducted a variety of activities in the weeks leading up to the election, including creating Election Day posters, promoting a red, white, and blue day for attire, and holding post-debate discussions.

On Tuesday, many schools will conduct mock elections throughout Escambia County. Students in Escambia County’s public high schools will have an opportunity to cast a secure, online ballot as part of the “Kids Vote Too/Teens Vote Too” initiative. The polls will open on Election Day at 7:00 am and close at 3:30 pm. Students will be issued a unique password to enter online to cast their ballot; to ensure that students vote only once, the password is no longer valid after it is used. Students will vote for President and Vice President, Member of Congress, Sheriff and Superintendent of Schools.

The results of the students’ votes will be announced Tuesday night along with the actual election results from Escambia County. To reach the Kids Vote Too/Teens Vote Too website, visit www.EscambiaVotes.com and click the Kids/Teens Vote website link, or to reach the site directly, go to www.escambiakidsvotetoo.com.

Escambia County’s “Kids Vote Too/Teens Vote Too” initiative is modeled after a successful program created by Okaloosa County Supervisor of Elections Pat Hollarn.

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