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A.L. Burruss's career in the state legislature was devoted to providing a better standard of living for all Georgia citizens. His dedication to the state of Georgia and its citizens is now carried on through the A.L. Burruss Institute of Public Service at Kennesaw State University. The Institute addresses the contemporary issues facing local governments, governmental agencies, and elected officials. The A.L. Burruss Institute is the public service arm of Kennesaw State University.

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THE STUDENT VOTING EXPERIENCE



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PURPOSE

The purpose of this exercise is to provide an opportunity for students K-12 to actively participate in an election process that mirrors the 2008 federal and statewide elections.

Schools are encouraged to incorporate the voting exercise into their curriculum by presenting classroom lessons that examine current issues prior to the actual voting process. An examination of the results of the student vote also provides a good topic for a lesson following the official election.

DATES OF VOTING PROCESS

The actual voting process in the schools will take place from Monday to Monday immediately prior to the official election on Tuesday.

HOW DO STUDENTS VOTE?

Students will vote on the computers located at their schools using a web-based program.

WHICH GRADE LEVELS CAN VOTE?

All grade levels will have the opportunity to vote in every election. However, the program can be customized to allow for certain grade levels to only vote in certain elections. For example, K-3 might only vote for President.

PROGRAM AVAILABILITY

The program will be available to teachers and school representatives for practice and testing immediately following the last primary election in 2008.

WHICH ELECTIONS WILL BE ON THE BALLOTS?

All federal and statewide elections will be available on the ballots for the students. However, elections that cut across individual school districts or system districts will not be on the ballots. In addition to candidate names and party affiliations, pictures of the candidates, when available, will appear on the ballots.

WHEN WILL THE RESULTS OF THE STUDENT VOTE BE PROVIDED?

Teachers will be able to access the results of the student voting via an interactive website on Wednesday, the day after the official election on Tuesday.

HOW WILL THE RESULTS BE PROVIDED?

The results will be provided by election and by grade level for each school. They will also be provided by election, by grade level, and by school for the entire school system.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

The cost varies depending upon the number of schools in the system that will be participating. Please contact us for additional information.

HOW DO I RECEIVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

Please contact Bill McClure at (770) 499-3583 or e-mail wmcclur1@kennesaw.edu