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### ***Durham Students Voice Their Choice in Primary and School Board Elections Kids Voting Elections Draw Over 1000 Young Voters***

On Tuesday, May 8, Durham's young people cast their ballots in Kids Voting Elections, and the results are in. Like their Durham adult counterparts, students voted overwhelmingly to return three School Board members – Leigh Bordley, Heidi Carter, and Minnie Forte-Brown – to their seats.

However, Durham's young people differed in their picks for County Commissioners. Dilcy Burton, who garnered less than 1.5% of the adult vote, topped the Kids Voting polls with 40% of the kids' vote. The rest of the kids slate for County Commissioners was filled with Joe Bowser, Anita Daniels, Brenda Howerton, and Ellen Reckhow. By comparison, the adults voted in Ellen Reckhow, Fred Foster Jr., Wendy Jacobs, and Brenda Howerton with the 5<sup>th</sup> seat currently favored to go to Michael Page.

Students voted on many of the same candidates and issues as their parents at Shepard IB Middle School, after school programs and several polling sites across Durham. When asked what issues are most important for Durham, young people said schools, jobs, and safety were the top priorities.

Businesses, community organizations, and student groups ran early voting and election day polling sites; recruiting many volunteers to assist Durham students make their voices heard.

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