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Students remind Winsted that voting does matter

Editor of The Register Citizen:

This coming weekend members of each class at the Gilbert School will be going door to door in Winsted, but not for tricks or treats. These students will be reminding town residents to vote in the upcoming election. The community lawyer's office is coordinating this canvass with the goal of higher voter turnout.

The past three local elections brought out an average of 51 percent of registered voters. In prior years, the percentage was closer to 60 percent. Our canvassing project has set a goal of 70 percent of all registered voters.

Winsted voter turnout for national and state elections is generally above average. Clearly the citizens of this town understand the importance of the right to vote. It is on the local level where our vote counts the most because here we have the most access to our officials. We can influence our local government in a way that we cannot impact upon our national officials.

We cannot canvass every home in town, and to those that we do not get to speak with, we apologize. We hope to reach you by leaving fliers at different locations in town. Other residents will recognize the canvassers by their orange arm bands.

Our responsibility as citizens in a democracy includes the duty to cast our vote in elections. People around the world are welcoming democracies because they want those rights, including the right to vote, that we have here. Do your democratic duty on November 5. Let's show the students from Gilbert that we support them and value our right to vote.

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