

August 25, 2008

Dear Carteret County Student and Parent:

The State of North Carolina has created an opportunity to increase voter awareness and civic participation among young citizens. This program will help foster lifelong habits of democratic involvement in the election process and promote some of the goals recently mandated in the state social studies curriculum.

The Carteret County Board of Elections and the Carteret County Board of Education have joined together to offer this opportunity to eligible and approved students. Students meeting guidelines established by G.S. 163-42.1 may serve as student election assistants in both primary and general elections. These students will have the opportunity to truly see democracy in action and will be entrusted with the same obligations and responsibilities as adult election assistants. The students will also receive the same training and financial compensation as their adult counterparts.

Eligibility for the program requires that students be at least seventeen years of age and U.S. citizens, be enrolled in a secondary school or home school, have an exemplary academic record, be recommended by the principal of their school and have parental permission. Selected students would be trained after school hours and would work at the polls from 3:30-7:30 p.m. on November 4, 2008. Application forms for this program are available at the Board of Elections office in Beaufort and in high school counselors' offices. Applications are due October 15, 2008 and should be returned to the Elections office or a high school counselor.

We believe this is a wonderful opportunity for the public school system and the Board of Elections to partner together and hope this will encourage students to get involved further in the election process. For more information, please contact Board of Elections Director Lindy Lewis at 252-728-8460.

Sincerely,

Bill Henderson, Chairman
Carteret County Board of Elections

Brad Sneed, Superintendent
Carteret County School System