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**WALTON ELECTIONS OFFICE CONDUCTS
SCHOOL REGISTRATION DRIVES**

DeFuniak Springs, FL (May 27, 2009) – During the month of May, the Walton County Supervisor of Elections Office has been on a mission, a mission to register local students to vote. Bobby Beasley, and members of his staff, visited four local high schools to discuss with students the process and importance of registering to vote.

Among the schools visited were Walton High School, Paxton High School, South Walton High School, and Walton Career Development Center. A registration drive was conducted at Freeport High School at the beginning of the school year during a student council election, also conducted by the elections office.

Mr. Beasley makes the effort every year to visit each qualifying school to discuss the right to vote, the voting process, and steps to become and stay a registered voter in Florida. "Registering or pre-registering to vote is always an exciting experience, especially for a young adult registering for the first time. I am proud to see so many taking this opportunity to get involved in the democratic process," said Beasley.

To register to vote in Florida, one must be at least 18 years old, a citizen of the U.S., and resident of the state of Florida. To pre-register, one must be at least 16 years old. On their 18th birthday, the voter is mailed a voter information card and becomes a registered voter. Registration applications of students living in other counties in Florida are recorded and forwarded to those counties.

Approximately 200 students in Walton County schools registered to vote during these drives. However, many students were already registered or pre-registered. Mr. Beasley credits this to the hard work of teachers and staff who urge students to do this as early as possible.

Mr. Beasley would like to remind everyone who is registered to vote to stay in contact with his office, and to check their registration at least 29 days in advance of elections. If you have any questions, please contact the Walton County Supervisor of Elections office.

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