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STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST

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Voter Education

With upcoming elections in the State of Delaware, I think that it's important to talk about voter education. I am concerned about the lack of voter education because some voters are not informed about the candidates who are running for office and may be voting for them for all the wrong reasons.

Uninformed voters will usually vote for the wrong candidate for the position because they do not have enough information about the candidate to make a wise decision. Some people vote for the candidate just because of the political party that backs them. Choosing the right candidate is more than voting for a Democrat, Republican or Independent. It is important to know where your candidate stands on the issues.

There are many issues in today's world that voters need to be aware of. Some of those issues include the economy, jobs, personal rights, taxes and the war against terrorist. If you want to be an educated voter you will need to know where your favorite candidate stands on the issues that are most important to you.

Now that you understand what it means to be an educated voter, make your voice heard on Election Day.

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The children of today, are tomorrow's leaders. We are the next generation of doctors, teachers, lawyers and most importantly we are the next generation of voters. There are three types of candidates in this country; one that tells you what you want to hear, one that is vague on what they are supporting, and one that tells what they think the truth is. As future voters we need to be educated on the different views of the candidates and what they support. If we are not educated on what the candidate's platforms mean, then we would become voters who vote for the wrong people for the wrong reasons. Electing the right politician to represent Delaware has never been so important. In this troubled economy, voting for the right candidate who has the power to vote to raise or to lower taxes, increase our retirement age, and to change the way we live today. By educating ourselves about the candidates and their platforms we will be able to make smarter choices in our future. We will learn to compare their opinions to ours, thus teaching us a lifelong skill which will impact our country for the better, making us more powerful voters.

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The education of voters is very important in a progressive society. People who are aware of why and for what they are voting can lead to a much more positive outcome for the masses. Educating children before they are eligible to vote allows them to realize the effect they have on society. It helps them to understand the importance in sustaining a democratic culture, an education program based on this would provide information, helping voters to exercise their right to vote. This knowledge would help maintain fair elections. It would not lead to illegal influence upon the voters, like intimidation or bribery. Voters would vote because they understand the importance in participating. Voter education should not only include why a person is voting but where, when, and how. Information on how to register and correctly cast a ballot should be required in any educational program. The goal of the voter education should be getting information out to be accessible for everyone, pushing towards a more positive society.