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Dear Parents and Guardians:

The Peabody Education Foundation, with the support of Superintendent Mastrocola and the Peabody Public Schools, is offering the opportunity for kindergarten through grade five students in our community to learn about elections and voting by being able to participate and cast a vote in this year's November elections through "The Kids Voting Program".

On Tuesday, November 6th, from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., students in grades K-5 will be able to experience this civic expression by voting with you during this time period. At all of the voting precincts in the city, except Brooksby Village, there will be a separate "Kids Voting" table with a real ballot and voting booth to help students of Peabody become active in Government. The next day, these ballots will be counted and the results will be posted throughout the city.

We encourage you to make this a family learning opportunity about how our government and communities work. Participating in the Kids Voting Program engages students by enabling them to take part in an authentic voting experience. They will learn about the value of voting and the requirements and procedures for voting. This program will also help them develop critical thinking and decision making skills. Your involvement by spending time with your child discussing the candidates and issues and gathering information from various media resources including television, newspapers, and magazines will enhance your child's experience.

The program is hosted by the Peabody Education Foundation, a group of community members, business leaders, and educators who joined together in 1985 seeking to enhance the quality of Peabody public education by integrating resources from all facets of the community into the city's schools.

www.peabodyedfoundation.org

We hope to see you and the students at one of the voting precincts on November 6th between 3:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Thank You,

Joseph A. Mastrocola

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Superintendent of Schools
Peabody Public Schools

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