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BOONE MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS WANT ABBOD FOR CONGRESS

*Abboud Applauds Educators, Students for Putting Great Emphasis on Voter Participation,
Importance of Democracy*

ROCKFORD – The ballots have been cast and the votes are in, the students of Boone Middle school want to send Democratic challenger Bob Abboud to Congress. The 7th and 8th graders from Boone Middle School heard from all three candidates on Tuesday, October 20th and then cast their votes.

“I’m flattered that the students at Boone Middle School felt I connected with them and their support means a lot to me,” Abboud said. “But what is really encouraging is the enthusiasm they had for the democratic process and their level of engagement and understanding at such a young age.”

The Boone Middle School Election Project was designed by the teachers and administrators to encourage students to get more involved in politics, and provide them with information and access to real candidates so they can see the process up close and personal.

“I can’t say enough about the quality of the faculty at Boone Middle School,” Abboud said. “They recognize the need to get our kids more involved in the political process early on, so when they are of age it is not the first time they are encountering the issues or the process. This project was a total success and my hats off for the good people at Boone Middle School.”

In the final results Abboud earned nearly 65 percent of the vote from the 7th and 8th graders, with Manzullo coming in second at 23 percent and Scott Summers, the Green Party candidate, coming in third at 12 percent.