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In order to avoid any appearance of impropriety, and to assure political neutrality, Millidgeville North School has established the following guidelines for visiting political candidates and any political materials:

- All candidates from all political parties within a riding (Saint John-Rothesay) will be extended an invitation to attend the Millidgeville North Forum.
- If unable to attend, candidates will not be permitted to send a representative in their stead.
- The time permitted for political candidates to speak during the forum will be at the discretion of the Millidgeville North School and be of equal duration for all candidates.
- The forum itinerary for each candidate will be planned by the Millidgeville North School and be the same for all candidates.
- No campaign promotional items or literature may be distributed by any candidate visiting a school. Campaign material including posters, handouts etc. will be allowed in the school *if* campaign material is used in a lesson plan and is presented in a nonpolitical manner.
- Each candidate's visitation party must be reasonable in size.
- Candidates are not permitted to use video or photographic images of students obtained during a school visit in political or informational materials.
- Candidates may not invite media to school events.

## FORMAT:

The forum will be run as in informal "Town Hall" of sorts. To begin, a student moderator will introduce each candidate and review how the forum will run. Members of the student panel will ask all questions that they themselves have developed and have decided on as a class. Candidates can expect questions related to how they got involved in politics, why it is something they are interested in, why they chose the Federal level etc. and also questions regarding their political platform. An impartial moderator will monitor the questions, and ensure each candidate is allowed equal response time. Candidates may be asked to answer the same questions or may be asked different questions, as long as each is given equal time to respond. There will be no debate.

We cannot thank you enough for coming to our school to share your time and your political expertise with our students. We truly feel this is an invaluable exercise that will increase awareness and engagement within our community.

Sincerely,

Michael Whelton