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**Secretary of State Ben Ysursa and Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna
announce results of the 2008 Idaho Student Mock Election**

Secretary of State Ben Ysursa and Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna are proud to announce the results of the 2008 Idaho Student Mock Election which included candidates for federal office and two student suggested propositions.

4,704 students from 54 high schools across the state voted online from school computers last Thursday and Friday October 23rd and 24th. The Student Mock Election is part of an ongoing effort to further student involvement in the democratic process.

"I want to commend all the students and teachers who participated in this statewide voting exercise. The mock election experience will encourage our young citizens to become lifelong informed voters" Ysursa said.

"This Mock Election has served as an important learning experience for Idaho students," Superintendent Luna said. "I encourage all students who took part in this event to remember the lessons they have learned about the importance of voting and carry these lessons with them throughout their adult lives."

Detailed mock election results for the 2008 Idaho Student Mock Election are available on www.idahovotes.gov and the Secretary of State's web site at www.sos.idaho.gov

Ysursa said: "It was very gratifying to see so many students exercise their right to vote in the student mock election. Their enthusiastic participation is a strong indication that the Democratic process is alive and well in Idaho."

Statewide Results attached.

**Idaho Student Mock Election
October 23-24, 2008**

Statewide Totals

Voting Statistics

Total Number of Schools	54
Number of Ballots Cast	4,704

		Vote Total	Plurality	Percentage
United States President				
CON	Chuck Baldwin	46		1.0%
LIB	Bob Barr	73		1.6%
REP	John McCain	2,135		45.6%
IND	Ralph Nader	189		4.0%
DEM	Barack Obama	2,240	105	47.8%
United States Senator				
DEM	Larry LaRocco	1,593		34.7%
LIB	Kent A. Marmon	184		4.0%
IND	Pro-Life	324		7.1%
IND	Rex Rammell	300		6.5%
REP	Jim Risch	2,186	593	47.7%
United States Representative - 1st District				
DEM	Walt Minnick	1,337		47.2%
REP	Bill Sali	1,497	160	52.8%
United States Representative - 2nd District				
DEM	Deborah Holmes	585		34.1%
REP	Mike Simpson	1,131	546	65.9%
Proposition 1 - Lower Drinking Age				
	Yes	2,441	276	53.0%
	No	2,165		47.0%
Proposition 2 - Exempt groceries from Sales Tax				
	Yes	3,380	2,159	73.5%
	No	1,221		26.5%