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The Report Card:

A to the 10th year that Kids Voting volunteers had student voting booths and ballots in all Buncombe County precincts on Election Day. Following the Kids Voting curriculum, Buncombe County educators encourage their students to “take your parents to vote” while stressing the importance of local elections. Some schools set up polling locations in cafeterias and media centers with a “practice” voting opportunity using paper ballots or an online option available at kidsvotingbc.org. All the activities are geared to increase students' awareness of our democratic rights and responsibilities and encourage conversations with adult voters. Established in 2000, Kids Voting Buncombe County is an all-volunteer, nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to securing the future of democracy by educating and involving youths in the election process today. More than 1,400 kids participated this year, aided by dedicated area adult and high school student volunteers who understand the importance of the mission. We hope down the road this project can help nudge numbers upward as these children become eligible to vote, particularly in light of this year's record low voter turnout.