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**First New Hampshire's Kid Governor® Statewide Election Underway**

As adults prepare for Election Day on Tuesday, New Hampshire's fifth graders are heading to the polls for the very first New Hampshire's Kid Governor® election!

New Hampshire's Kid Governor® (NHKG) is an affiliate of Kid Governor, a national award-winning, statewide civics program created by the Connecticut Public Affairs Network (CPAN). Led by the New Hampshire Institute for Civics Education (NHICE) and the New Hampshire Institute of Politics (NHIOIP), this free program teaches fifth graders about state government, voting, and the importance of civic engagement through an authentic statewide election.

Each school is eligible to nominate one student to run for New Hampshire's Kid Governor. Nominees are required to submit a campaign video about a community issue important to them as well as a three-point plan designed to help other students take action on the issue. The final candidates move on to the week-long election where peers watch the campaign videos, review their platforms, and cast ballots to elect the student who will represent them as 2018 New Hampshire's Kid Governor.

Beginning November 2, 5<sup>th</sup> graders across New Hampshire will watch the campaign videos of the seven candidates, review their platforms, and vote for who they think should be their next Kid Governor. The Statewide Election candidates and their platform topics include:

- Ben: Hunger
- Evelyn: Poverty
- Lola: Animal Cruelty

The candidates' videos are available for public viewing at [NH.KidGovernor.org](http://NH.KidGovernor.org). The Statewide Election ends at 5:00pm on Friday, November 9, 2018.

The winning student will serve a year-long term as 2019 New Hampshire's Kid Governor. He or she will have the opportunity to work with NHICE and NHIOIP to promote their platform online, meet and speak with their constituents, and participate in programs across the state.

The New Hampshire's Kid Governor program inspires students to be lifelong agents of change, active participants in our government, and registered voters when they turn 18. To stay updated on New

