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## **PRIMARY RESULTS TO BE AUDITED AT SELECTED POLLING LOCATIONS**

A hand count of ballots from five percent of all polling places that use optical scanners to be matched against machine totals, which will affirm the integrity of the vote

**HARTFORD:** Deputy Secretary of the State James Spallone randomly selected voting precincts to have primary results audited following the August 9 primary. Five percent of the polling places that use optical scan machines are subject to the audit, as prescribed by Connecticut General Statutes 9-320f. Those hand counted ballots will be matched against vote totals from optical scan machines.

Deputy Secretary Spallone said, "Every vote matters and, with Connecticut's meticulous audit laws, voters can be confident that their voices were heard at the ballot box. Our state should be proud of its robust assessment of the vote, which ensures the tallies are accurate."

There were 117 polling places that used optical scan machines on August 9 so the Deputy Secretary of the State chose six primary and three alternate locations. The results of audits will be analyzed by the University of Connecticut, the Secretary of the State's Office and the State Elections Enforcement Commission, and then be made available to the public.

Connecticut boasts one of the strictest audit statutes in the country and was the first state in New England to require a comprehensive audit of primary results.

List of polling places to be audited:

West Haven – Pagels School  
Bridgeport – Park City Magnet School

Berlin – Hubbard School  
Newtown – Middle School Gym A 1-5  
West Hartford – Wolcott School  
West Hartford – Bristow Middle School

**Alternates:**

Stamford – Saint Bridget Church Hall  
Stratford – Franklin School 121-23  
Bridgeport – Harding High School 124-4