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XYZ CANDIDATES TO TARGET FUTURE VOTERS IN UPCOMING SCHOOL DEBATE

Provincial candidates in the riding of XYZ will have to answer to hundreds harsh critics about important issues affecting their communities this **Thursday, April 16 at 1 p.m.** when X School hosts an all-candidates debate in the gymnasium.

This event comes after several classes have studied both local and provincial candidates and compiled a list of challenging questions for candidates AA from the Conservative Party, AB from the Green Party, AC from the Liberal Party and AD from the NDP. The candidates will meet at X school at 12:30 p.m. and engage in small talk and snacks with the students before settling in for what is sure to be a lively debate on major issues.

“I can’t wait to ask the candidates about their strategies to help bring jobs back to B.C.,” says Grade 11 Student Bart Simpson. “I think us kids are going to ask more honest questions than any of the adults, and we’re going to keep these guys on their toes.”

The debate was planned shortly after Grade 11 civics teacher Barb Finkle signed up for Student Vote B.C., which is engaging hundreds of schools across the province in a parallel provincial election to take place in mid-May. As part of the program, students are getting in-depth education in the political process and casting practice ballots on the real candidates.

“These students have become completely engaged in this process...I think the intelligence that these students possess is going to surprise a lot of people,” Finkel says. “They are going to get to the heart of the issues concerning the people of this province. They won’t let any of the candidates off easy.”

The debate is also open to the general public.

Media planning to attend this event should contact the school for security and logistic information between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

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