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**Board of Elections Releases Early Voting Statistics
for March 15, 2016 Primary**

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The Butler County Board of Elections released early voting statistics for the March 15, 2016 Presidential Primary.

"With eleven days to go before the primary, vote-by-mail requests have been lower than in recent presidential primaries," Director Diane Noonan said. "And we have a higher than average number of absentee ballots not returned."

In-person early voting is significantly higher than in recent presidential primary elections.

"Voters in Butler County seem to prefer to cast their ballots in person," Deputy Director Jocelyn Bucaro noted. "We have had four times the number of in-person voters than at this point in the March 2008 primary and nearly 60 percent more than in the March 2012 primary."

Voters may request a vote-by-mail ballot by submitting an application before Noon on Saturday, March 12. Applications must contain the voter's name, current address (and mailing address where the ballot should be sent), date of birth, identification such as an Ohio Driver's License number or the last four digits of the voter's Social Security number, the election date and political party ballot the voter wishes to vote. The voter must then sign the application. Voters may download a vote-by-mail application by visiting the Board of Elections website at butlercountyelections.org. Applications may be hand delivered or mailed to 1802 Princeton Road, Suite 600, Hamilton, OH 45011.

Voters may also cast their absentee ballot in person at the Board of Elections office. The Board will be open from 8:00am – 4:00pm on Saturday, March 5, for in-person early voting. The Board will also be open into the evening next week, Monday through Friday, from 8:00am – 7:00pm. The Board will be open again next weekend, including on Saturday, March 12, from 8:00am – 4:00pm, and on Sunday, March 13, from 1:00pm - 5:00pm. The last day to cast an in-person early vote is on Monday, March 14, from 8:00am – 2:00pm.

Voters casting an absentee ballot by mail must return their ballots with a postmark dated no later than Monday, March 14. Voters may also bring their absentee ballot to the Board of Elections office by 7:30pm on Election Day, March 15, 2016.

Early Voting in the March 15, 2016 Election By the Numbers:

As of March 4, 2016:

- 4,964 early ballots have been requested
- 2,753 early ballots have been returned
 - 1,233 in-person early ballots cast
 - 1,520 vote-by-mail ballots cast

By Party:

- 1,296 Democrat ballots requested; 751 returned
- 3,178 Republican ballots requested; 1,563 returned

As of this point in the March 6, 2012 Presidential Primary:

- 3,873 early ballots had been requested
- 3,652 early ballots had been returned
 - 713 early ballots had been cast in person
 - 2,939 vote-by-mail ballots cast

By Party (2012):

- 854 Democrat ballot requested; 793 returned
- 2,993 Republican ballots requested; 2,834 returned

As of this point in the March 4, 2008 Presidential Primary:

- 7,904 early ballots had been requested
- 7,111 early ballots had been returned
 - 301 in-person early ballots cast
 - 6,810 vote-by-mail ballots cast

By Party (2008):

- 3,534 Democrat ballots requested; 3,271 returned
- 4,024 Republican ballots requested; 3,604 returned