DATE: December 19, 2017

TO: All 2018 4-H Youth Council Nominees

FROM: Eva Beeker, Program Coordinator - 4-H Youth Development

RE: 2018 4-H Youth Council Election Results

I am writing to share the results of the 2018 4-H Youth Council election. A total of 463 ballots were mailed. Eligible voters included all active 4-H leaders in 2017 and all active 4-H members who will be 15-19 years old in 2018 who have completed a minimum of two (2) years in 4-H.

A total of 72 ballots were returned. The returned ballots represent a 15.6% rate-of-return, which is up from the 11.4% return rate realized in the 2017 election.

The following adult leaders and 4-H members have been elected to serve two-year and one-year terms:

**East Half:** Needed to fill three (3) adult representative positions and three (3) teen representative positions.
- Cody Baker (adult representative), two-year term
- Jennifer Mead-Bennett (adult representative), two-year term
- Virginia Trattles (adult representative), two-year term
- Emily Mead (teen representative), one-year term
- Andy Rambadt (teen representative), one-year term
- Zach Sackrider (teen representative), one-year term

**West Half:** Needed to fill three (3) adult representative positions and three (3) teen representative positions.
- Samantha Hoekstra (adult representative), two-year term
- Barb Weston (adult representative), two-year term
- Nancy Hiemstra (adult representative), two-year term
- Lucas Carpenter (teen representative), one-year term appointed from East Half
- Caitlynn Hughes (teen representative), one-year term appointed from East Half
- Shawn McNamara (teen representative), one-year term

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for agreeing to run for election to the 4-H Youth Council. Your interest and willingness to serve 4-H in this special capacity is very much appreciated.

Best wishes for health and happiness in the New Year!

Cc: 2017 4-H Youth Council Members
4-H Club Organizational Leaders

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**Looking ahead...**

The first 4-H Youth Council meeting for 2018 will be held on **Monday, January 8 at 6:30 p.m.** in the St. Joseph County MSU Extension Spartan room, Centreville. For those of you new to the 4-H Youth Council, there will be a short orientation meeting at **6:00 p.m.** prior to the regular meeting.