

# Danny Loehr, Proctor Academy Senior, Ran For State Legislature

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Danny Loehr of Andover is not your average 18-year-old attending his last year at Proctor Academy. This year Danny took the journey to Concord and, by paying his \$2, he officially registered with the State of New Hampshire to run for the office of State Representative in what would become a nine-way race for the six seats from District 6.



Knowing up-front that this position, if elected, might delay his entry to college, he made the decision and proceeded full ahead. His dad, Mark, became his fiscal agent and his friend Rosie his campaign manager.

His previous three years of experience working on other campaigns, interviewing political figures, and following local issues made him feel a sense of obligation to see what he could do to help others.

Teachers, faculty, and friends at Proctor have all been very supportive and excited that if elected, his voice could be heard in Concord for all of them, for all of us – a youth voice.

Principal Jane Slayton invited Danny to AE/MS a few days prior to the election to speak with sixth, seventh, and eighth graders. Danny said, “I spoke about the reasons I am running, what the campaign has been like, some of my issues, and the importance of young people getting involved. I then fielded questions ranging from my views on biofuels to my views on the Iraq War. I was a bit nervous, as it was the largest group I had spoken to while campaigning.”

### After The Election

After the election results were in, I caught up with Danny to do a follow-up interview.

He said, “I began the election day at AE/MS at 8 AM, when the polls opened. I stayed there with a sign in my hand until 11 AM. From there I went to Salisbury, Boscawen, and then Northfield, each for an hour or two. At each place all I did was hang out with my sign and greet voters.

“After the polls closed at 7 PM, I went home to watch the results come in and do my homework. I knew the results of the national election before I even knew the results of my own election. It was not until 2:30 AM, when I got the call with the results from the last town. At 6 AM I wrote a note to all my supporters.”

Danny did win Andover convincingly, but did not have enough votes in the rest of the district to be elected to the po-

sition, coming in seventh, trailing Priscilla Lockwood by 93 votes out of about 4,200.

The AE/MS students who heard Danny speak had this to say about his candidacy:

Madison Powers, eighth grade: “I thought that it was very impressive and interesting that a senior in high school was brave enough to run for state representative.”

Shelby Perreault, sixth grade: “I thought it was a great idea for Danny to run for state representative and get seventh overall.”

Thaddeus Bicknell, sixth grade: “I liked Danny’s idea of getting people more involved. I think it is very important.”

Ethan Barton, eighth grade: “Danny has good ideas and great values. He is going the right way for the people of New Hampshire.”

Tim Braley, eighth grade: “I thought that Danny was very informative and straight-forward with his ideas. He seems responsible and respectful about the values of the United States, and I think he would have made a great state representative.”

There are two things that particularly come to Danny’s mind which make the election loss difficult. Believing that his voice, and the voice he had come to represent, would have made a big difference in helping out New Hampshire; and that all the people who helped him in so many ways – donating, voting, getting inspired – would not get the reward they deserved of his being elected State Representative.

Danny is extremely appreciative of the opportunities that this campaign has allowed and the doors that it has opened. He is very happy to have been a part of an election – especially during this very historical national election.

## NOVEMBER 2008 ELECTION RESULTS

	Andover	NH
<b>PRESIDENT</b>		
Barack Obama (D)	810	384,826
John McCain (R)	582	316,534
Ralph Nader (I)	8	3,503
George Phillies (L)	3	531
Bob Barr (L)	3	2,217
<b>GOVERNOR</b>		
John Lynch (D)	998	477,146
Joseph Kenney (R)	348	187,388
Susan Newell (L)	20	14,924
<b>US SENATOR</b>		
Jeanne Shaheen (D)	760	357,153
John Sununu (R)	587	312,601
Ken Blevens (L)	37	21,439
<b>US REPRESENTATIVE</b>		
Paul Hodes (D)	761	188,332
Jennifer Horn (R)	541	138,222
Chester Lapointe II (L)	11	7,121
<b>EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR</b>		
John Shea (D)	666	67,986
Dan St. Hilaire (R)	582	58,988
<b>NH SENATOR</b>		
Matthew Houde (D)	643	17,994
James Danforth (R)	612	9,140
<b>NH REPRESENTATIVE</b>		
Danny Loehr (D)	746	4,136
Joy Tilton (D)	616	4,676
Frank Tupper (D)	564	4,323
Deborah Wheeler (D)	619	4,836
Tim Chrysostom (D)	476	3,214
Claire Clarke (D)	620	4,813
Jared King (R)	424	3,641
Priscilla Lockwood (R)	452	4,229
Jennifer Coffey (R)	622	4,632
<b>COUNTY SHERIFF</b>		
Scott Hilliard (D,R)	1,259	69,601
<b>COUNTY ATTORNEY</b>		
Katherine Rogers (D)	669	36,669
Tom Reid (R)	545	32,941
<b>COUNTY TREASURER</b>		
James Monahan (D)	681	37,574
Roy Maxfield (R)	719	29,897
<b>REGISTER OF DEEDS</b>		
Lawrence Hennessy (D)	562	28,434
Kathi Guay (R)	654	40,589
<b>REGISTER OF PROBATE</b>		
Jane Bradstreet (D,R)	1,231	67,914
<b>COUNTY COMMISSIONER</b>		
Leo Bernier (D)	657	11,420
Bronwyn Asplund-Walsh (R)	563	10,178

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