# **David Paleologos Bellwethers**

## Selected for 2016 NH Dem & GOP Primaries: <u>City of Laconia & Town of Merrimack</u>

GOP & DEM open - no incumbent president on ballot

# A: 2008 New Hampshire Primary - GOP & DEM

### Republican Primary

<u>Statewide</u>	<u>Laconia</u>	<u>Merrimack</u>
McCain 38%	McCain 39%	McCain 36%
Romney 32%	Romney 33%	Romney 36%
<b>Huckabee 12%</b>	Huckabee 11%	Huckabee 10%

### **Democratic Primary**

<b>Statewide</b>	<u>Laconia</u>	<u>Merrimack</u>
Clinton 39%	Clinton 39%	Clinton 43%
Obama 37%	Obama 37%	Obama 36%
Edwards 17%	Edwards 19%	Edwards 16%

# B: 2000 New Hampshire - GOP & DEM

### Republican Primary

<u>Statewide</u>	<u>Laconia</u>	<u>Merrimack</u>
McCain 49%	McCain 44%	McCain 47%
<b>Bush 31%</b>	Bush 35%	Bush 32%
Forbes 13%	Forbes 14%	Forbes 12%

#### **Democratic Primary**

<u>Statewide</u>	<u>Laconia</u>	<u>Merrimack</u>
<b>Gore 52%</b>	Gore 53%	Gore 53%
Bradley 47%	Bradley 46%	Bradley 46%

## C: 2012 New Hampshire - GOP

### Republican Primary

<u>Statewide</u>	<u>Laconia</u>	<u>Merrimack</u>
Romney 39%	Romney 43%	Romney 43%
Paul 23%	Paul 22%	Paul 21%
<b>Huntsman 17%</b>	Huntsman 14%	Huntsman 15%

These 2 towns were within 5 percent of statewide totals for 1-2-3 finishers in four out of four statistical major tests (GOP & DEM) for 2000 and 2008 (and in many cases, closer than within 5%).

Many factors go into the calcs and weights including "like elections," demographic shifts, registration, adjustments for home area skew, and many others. Bellwether currently has an 89 percent hit rate for forecasting winners. Past bellwether results are no guarantee in future elections or of future performance.