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Columbus Board of Education Candidate to remain General Election Ballot

(Columbus) The Franklin County Board of Elections this afternoon settled an earlier dispute over nominating petitions for Columbus School Board candidate Dominic Paretti to confirm that he will remain on this year's general election ballot.

The board rescinded an earlier tie vote on the validity of three signatures- a deadlock which could have sent the issue to the secretary of state. It then certified another five signatures on Paretti's nominating petitions to give him a total of 304 or four more than needed to make the ballot as a school board candidate in Columbus. As a result, the Columbus Board of Education will have six candidates vying for three seats on the general election ballot. Seven candidates would have been required for a primary.

In other action, the board accepted the withdrawal of Brian Katz as a Republican candidate for Hilliard City Council. A council primary will still be needed in Hilliard to reduce the remaining field of five Republican candidates running for four seats.

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