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## The School Board Caucus Process

The April 17, 2009 local election will run similarly to the previous 2007 election. Please read below:

For the April 17, 2009 local election, there are four (4) District 64 (D64) open school board positions, and four (4) District 207 (D207) open school board positions. No incumbents are expected to run for the D64 positions, but some will run for D207.

For the April 17, 2007 local election, there were three (3) District 64 (D64) open school board positions, and three (3) District 207 (D207) open school board positions.

The General Caucus of Districts 64 and 207, representing approximately 40 civic organizations, met in October 2006 and November 2006 and January 2007 at D64's Field School to listen to citizen candidates interested in running for D64 or D207 school boards. The aim of the Caucus throughout was to recruit, interview, nominate, and endorse candidates for the open school board positions.

The Park Ridge Caucus coordinated with the D64/D207 Des Plaines Caucus regarding the three slots for D207. The Des Plaines Caucus handled the interview and endorsement process for the third board slot, while the Park Ridge D64/D207 Caucus handled the other first two board openings.

Following an extensive summer and fall recruiting drive, the Park Ridge D64/D207 Caucus invited all of its citizen candidates (those who had cleared the Caucus nominating process, which requires an application and preliminary review) to speak before all of the Caucus delegates, and to respond to questions from the delegates.

In January 2007 all of the D64 and D207 candidates were invited back for a full panel Q & A session and a final round of candidate-specific questions. Each of the candidates received two questions beforehand, specific to D64 or D207, for their own research and preparation. The Caucus Chairperson and Executive Committee prepared the balance of the questions from a list of delegate questions submitted in the late fall to the Caucus Chairperson, and queried the candidates in succession throughout the evening.

At the end of the January meeting, the Caucus delegates voted to endorse three candidates for the D64 board openings and to endorse two candidates for the D207 board openings.

The Caucus continues to be active throughout the election cycle in helping endorsed candidates get petition signatures and campaign in contested races.