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Five vying for two spots on Birmingham school board

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Five people are running in the Nov. 6 election for two spots on the Birmingham School District's board.

Only one incumbent, Birmingham real estate developer Rob Lawrence, is seeking re-election. Shelli Weisberg, the other board member whose term is expiring, is running for Birmingham City Commission instead.

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The challengers' names will be printed on the ballot in the school board election.

They are Christopher Conti, a Birmingham resident who works as a financial expert in the automotive industry; Gregory Heisy, a Franklin resident and research veterinarian with the Henry Ford Health System; and Cyrus Mottagh, a Franklin attorney and professor at the University of Detroit Mercy's business school.

A fifth candidate is running a write-in campaign. She's Teresa McCardell, a Bloomfield Hills resident active in the Friends of Different Learners group, which supports students with learning challenges.

The Birmingham district serves about 8,000 students in grades kindergarten through 12 from Birmingham, Beverly Hills, Bingham Farms, Franklin and parts of other suburbs including Troy, Bloomfield Township, West Bloomfield and Southfield.

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