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# **ANSWERING YOUR PRIMARY QUESTIONS ABOUT DCLMN**

# HOW ARE CANDIDATES CHOSEN?

EVERY ELECTION CYCLE BEGINS WITH AN OPEN CALL — ANY DEMOCRAT INTERESTED IN RUNNING CAN TAKE PART. CANDIDATES THEN MEET WITH THE RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE TO WALK THROUGH THE PROCESS, SHARE THEIR BACKGROUND, AND CONFIRM THEY MEET PENNSYLVANIA'S ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.

AFTER THAT, IT'S UP TO EACH CANDIDATE TO COLLECT SIGNATURES AND OFFICIALLY PETITION TO GET ON THE BALLOT.

DCLMN ENCOURAGES CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND DOES NOT TURN AWAY CANDIDATES SEEKING ENDORSEMENT.

ANYONE WHO HAS PURSUED A REPUBLICAN ENDORSEMENT DID SO BY CHOICE.

# ISN'T THE ENDORSEMENT PROCESS PREDETERMINED?

## NO

ENDORSEMENTS ARE DECIDED BY A VOTE OF OVER 70 COMMITTEE PEOPLE WHO REPRESENT THEIR PRECINCTS. A CANDIDATE MUST EARN AT LEAST 60% SUPPORT. IF NO ONE REACHES THAT THRESHOLD, DCLMN DOES NOT ENDORSE IN THAT RACE.

# HOW ARE CANDIDATES EVALUATED?

CANDIDATES ENGAGE IN ONE-ON-ONE CONVERSATIONS WITH COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND ELECTED COMMITTEE PEOPLE AND ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN DCLMN'S PUBLIC FORUM. COMMITTEE PEOPLE DEDICATE SIGNIFICANT TIME TO LEARNING ABOUT EACH CANDIDATE, GATHERING INPUT FROM CONSTITUENTS, AND ASKING DIRECT QUESTIONS.

# WAS DCLMN'S PROCESS DIFFERENT THIS YEAR THAN PREVIOUS YEARS?

## NO

DCLMN PROVIDES POTENTIAL CANDIDATES WITH INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROCESS, HOSTS A PUBLIC FORUM PRIOR TO THE ENDORSEMENT, SOLICITS FEEDBACK FROM THE PUBLIC, HOLDS AN ENDORSEMENT VOTE AND THEN COMMUNICATES THE ENDORSED CANDIDATES TO REGISTERED DEMOCRATIC VOTERS.

# DOES DCLMN TELL CANDIDATES TO CROSS-FILE?

YES. THIS IS STANDARD PRACTICE IN PA FOR  
REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES.

EVERY CANDIDATE IS PROVIDED THE  
INFORMATION THEY WOULD NEED IN ORDER  
TO FILE ON BOTH THE DEMOCRATIC AND  
REPUBLICAN PRIMARY BALLOTS.

DCLMN HAS NEVER CRITICIZED A  
CANDIDATE FOR CROSS FILING.  
ACCUSATIONS THAT THEY HAVE  
ARE **FALSE.**

# **WHY DOES THE ENDORSEMENT MATTER EVEN MORE THIS ELECTION?**

**DUE TO CROSS-FILING RULES IN  
SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS, BOTH  
DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN  
CANDIDATES WILL APPEAR ON THE  
DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY BALLOT  
WITHOUT ANY PARTY IDENTIFICATION.**

**DEMOCRATICALLY ENDORSING  
CANDIDATES HELPS INDICATE TO  
VOTERS WHICH CANDIDATES ARE  
RECOMMENDED IN THE DEMOCRATIC  
PRIMARY.**

# WHY DOES VOTING FOR ONLY ONE CANDIDATE HURT DEMOCRATS

BECAUSE OF CROSS-FILING, IF DEMOCRATIC VOTERS DON'T SUPPORT THE FULL SLATE, A REPUBLICAN COULD WIN AS A 'DEMOCRAT,' MISLEADING VOTERS IN NOVEMBER AND MAKING IT MORE LIKELY REPUBLICANS WIN THE GENERAL ELECTION.

THIS YEAR'S REPUBLICAN SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES WERE ENDORSED BY A COMMITTEE THAT BACKED DOUG MASTRIANO AND DONALD TRUMP.

NONE OF THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES HAVE DISAVOWED THE MAGA EDUCATION AGENDA.