What if not enough people filed for the election?

This election cycle is not looking like last year, when there were multiple double-digit numbers of people filing for school board elections.

This year, many districts are seeing no filings for three board seats – or maybe one or two filings for three or four seats. So, what happens if you don’t have enough candidates filing for open seats?

The short answer is the three (or four) people with the most votes will be elected to your board. That may mean Jane Doe (who filed and is on the ballot) received 155 votes. Then John Doe received 25 votes as a write-in and Greg Abbott received 2 votes as a write-in. If these three candidates received the most votes, they would all serve on your school board.

What if someone refuses to serve?

If districts end up with no candidate filings and they take the top three write-in candidates to serve on the board, chances are one of them (or more) may refuse to serve. If that happens, the board would then appoint a person to serve on the board until a special election can be held in 2025 to fill the remaining 3 years of the term.