

Media Backgrounder: Facts about School Board Elections 2018

Here are some quick facts on school board elections:

- With few exceptions, school districts across the state hold school board elections and school budget votes on the third Tuesday of May.
- The size of a school board generally ranges between three and nine members.
- With limited exceptions, school board members serve three, four- or five-year terms.

The following is a regional breakdown of board elections based on a NYSSBA survey of 671 school districts. A total of 610 districts responded – a rate of 91 percent.

Region	Number of open seats	Number of candidates running for open seats	Number of returning incumbents	Number of incumbents not returning	Percentage of incumbents not returning	Number of first time board members	Number running unopposed	Number of districts anticipating write-ins/ not enough candidates
Western NY	97	122	75	20	21%	46	54	4
Finger Lakes	122	164	86	26	23%	79	67	2
Western Southern Tier	80	99	52	25	32%	47	43	6
Central NY	130	202	111	37	25%	91	85	3
St. Lawrence River	102	143	66	33	33%	77	47	3
North Country	97	115	61	34	36%	53	56	7
Capital Region	115	163	99	41	29%	65	52	4
Mohawk Valley	69	84	43	22	34%	42	30	2
Upper mid-Hudson Valley	104	183	89	37	29%	97	63	0
Lower mid-Hudson Valley	98	159	64	43	40%	98	54	0
Nassau County	88	153	87	20	19%	66	59	0
Suffolk County	127	155	93	29	24%	74	74	2
TOTALS	1,229	1,742	926	367	28%	835	684	33