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Returning officers' Memo 10 - 2019 school trustee triennial elections

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Concerned about insufficient nominations?

NZSTA have received a lot of enquiries over the last few days from boards who are concerned that they may not have enough nominations to form a board.

Here is some information that you may find useful to confirm if you have enough nominations:

For boards who are NOT in the staggered (mid-term) election cycle:

- You need at least 3 valid nominations to form a board.
- If there are FEWER than 3 valid nominations, you need to contact [NZSTA](#) for further advice.
- If there are 3 or more valid nominations AND this number is greater than the number of positions advertised, a voting election must be held.
- If there are 3 or more valid nominations AND these are equal to the number of positions advertised, you can declare all candidates elected.
- If there are 3 or more valid nominations AND this is FEWER than the number of positions advertised, you can declare all candidates elected
 - The remaining positions that have not been filled will be casual vacancies. The incoming board must fill these vacancies by by-election or selection.

For boards who ARE already in the staggered (mid-term) election cycle:

- You will need at least 1 valid nomination to form a board (unless your school's constitution states otherwise):
- All boards must have at least 3 parent representatives on their board and if you are in mid-terms you should have at least 2 parent representatives that will not be standing down at the triennial elections. This means if you get 1 nomination at the triennial elections that candidate will be elected to give you the 3 minimum parent representatives on your board.
- If you have no nominations, you need to contact [NZSTA](#) for further advice.
- If there are valid nominations AND this number is greater than the number of positions advertised, a voting election must be held.
- If there is 1 or more valid nomination AND these are equal to the number of positions advertised, you can declare all candidates elected.
- If there is 1 or more valid nomination AND this is FEWER than the number of positions advertised, you can declare all candidates elected

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If you have any issues, please call 0800 353 284.

Kind Regards,

NZSTA Elections Team

