

DOUGLAS COUNTY

Douglas County school board races bring record turnout

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In a record turnout for a school-board election, unofficial results show voters elected four candidates backed by the Republican Party to the Douglas County school board.

Although traditionally nonpartisan, the routine race became heated when the Douglas County Republican Party announced its endorsement of John Carson, Dan Gerken, Doug Benevento and Megham Silverthorn.

The four remaining candidates, Sue Catterall, Kevin Leung, Kristine Turner and Emily Hansen, had the support of the teachers union.

The Republican-backed candidates each received 56 percent or more of the votes in their respective districts.

As of press time, 43,598 ballots had been counted. In 2007, the turnout for the school board race

was about 26,000.

Almost 50 percent of Douglas County's 185,096 voters are registered as Republicans, while about 21 percent are Democrats.

In the Castle Pines North mayoral race, unofficial results showed Jeffrey Huff narrowly leading incumbent Maureen Shul. The race for the three City Council seats also was close.

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