

Daniel Boone junior a winner in both parties

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A 17-year-old Daniel Boone High School junior earned the right Tuesday to help lead his school district after winning both the Republican and Democratic primary races for school board.

Connor J. Kurtz easily won both primaries for Region 1 of the school district, which has one open seat. That means he will appear as both the Republican and Democratic candidate for the region - which covers Amity Township - in November's general election.

Kurtz was vying for the slot against three other newcomers. All the candidates cross-filed, appearing on both the Republican and Democratic ballots.

Because he will be the region's only candidate, the only way he can be beaten is through a write-in candidacy.

"Amity Township has spoken," Kurtz said shortly after discovering he had won. "And they're looking for a new voice on the Daniel Boone School Board."

Kurtz billed himself as a financial conservative who will encourage frugality and serve as a voice of opposition to what he deems a spend-happy school board.

Kurtz said he spent much of Tuesday at the polls and was optimistic about his chances.

"When I got home the results just kept rolling in, very quickly in fact," he said. "I was very happy with the result."

According to complete but unofficial results, Kurtz pulled in 239 votes on the Republican side, besting second place finisher Al Worrall, who garnered 95.

On the Democratic side, Kurtz got 132 votes, while second-place finisher Benjamin Blakesley got 74.

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