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Wasserman Schultz secures win



U.S. Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz gets a hug from a supporter at Kings Point in Tamarac, one of the biggest polling locations in Broward, on Tuesday. AMY BETH BENNETT/SOUTH FLORIDA SUN SENTINEL

Voters choose 2 new Broward School Board members

Bulman, Zeman also win their races

By Scott Travis
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Voters chose two new candidates on Tuesday to join the Broward School Board, reelected two sitting members and left the status of one seat unresolved. School Board members Maura Bulman and Allen Zeman won their races on Tuesday night.

Two north-county seats were guaranteed new representation after School Board members Nora Rupert and Lori Alhadeff chose not to seek reelection. District volunteer Nicole Morst defeated college professor Sharry Kimmel in a heated District 4 race to replace Alhadeff, who had supported Kimmel. Morst had the support of board members Debbi Hixon, Nora Rupert, Jeff Holness and Sarah Leonardi.

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Maura McCarthy Bulman, left, is congratulated by Maria Rodriguez after winning the Broward County School Board District 1 race on Tuesday. MIKE STOCKER/SOUTH FLORIDA SUN SENTINEL

Congresswoman cruises to victory in newly drawn district

By Anthony Man
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U.S. Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz cruised to victory on Tuesday, easily defeating four other candidates in the Democratic primary and all but guaranteeing a 12th term in Congress. Shortly after 10 p.m., unofficial returns showed Wasserman Schultz with 45.4% of the vote. She was running about 22 points ahead of former Broward County Commissioner Dale Holness, who was in a distant second place. Elijah Manley was in third place, with 13.9%. The other candidates, Luther Campbell and Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick, were in single digits. Thanking supporters, Wasserman Schultz said she would fight to address the needs of people who can't afford life's basics, such as rent. "And we're going to make sure that we fight those damn Republicans and (President Donald) Trump," pledging to fight "the corruption and the self-dealing and the him profiting himself, taking care of

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ELECTION 2026

- Republican Byron Donalds and Democrat David Jolly will face off to become next Florida governor. **Page 3**
- One winner declared and one runoff ahead for the Palm Beach County School Board. **Page 3**
- Republican Ashley Moody will face Democrat Angie Nixon for U.S. Senate. **Page 3**
- Congressional District 25 contest in November will match Democrat U.S. Rep. Jared Moskowitz against Republican Scott Singer. **SunSentinel.com/Election**

Palm Beach County Clerk of Courts arrested on child sexual abuse charges

By Shira Moolten
SOUTH FLORIDA SUN SENTINEL

Mike Caruso, the Palm Beach County clerk of courts and a staunch ally of Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, was arrested Tuesday morning on charges linked to the child sexual abuse of a family member, state officials announced. Attorney General James Uthmeier announced the arrest in a statement on X. "Early this morning, with substantial assistance from FDLE and local law enforcement, Palm Beach County Clerk of Court Michael Caruso was arrested on

charges related to child sexual abuse," the statement said. "The investigation is ongoing and we will provide more information to the public at the appropriate time." Caruso was booked into Palm Beach County jail on an out-of-county warrant just before 9 a.m., jail records show. Less than an hour afterward, DeSantis announced that Caruso was suspended from public office. Shannon Ramsey-Chessman, the current chief of staff and deputy chief clerk, was sworn in as interim Clerk of Court on Tuesday morning.

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Mike Caruso, the Palm Beach County Clerk of Courts. JOE CAVARETTA/SOUTH FLORIDA SUN SENTINEL FILE

Broward College president wins bid to halt termination vote

By Rafael Olmeda and Scott Travis
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Broward College President Torey Alston won his bid Tuesday to force Broward College to schedule and attend mediation before its board votes on whether to terminate him. Broward Circuit Judge Keethan Frink ordered both sides into mediation, agreeing with arguments presented by attorney Eugene Pettis on behalf of Alston, who had filed a complaint in Broward County Circuit Court for "declaratory and injunctive relief," alleging a violation to his employ-



ment contract. Alston argued that the three-year contract requires him and the board to "first attempt in good faith to resolve the dispute to their mutual satisfaction, including through formal mediation if requested by either the Board or Alston." But the window for mediation will be short: If the two sides cannot reach an agreement in seven days, Alston's job remains in peril.

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