

New Jersey School Boards Association

Annual Bond Referenda Survey: 1999

What School Districts Need

| PROJECT TYPE * | BALLOT PROPOSALS ** | APPROVAL RATE |
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| Additions/Expansion | 69 of the 89 construction plans on the ballot in 1999 (77.5%) called for adding classrooms, science laboratories, media centers or other expansion to existing buildings. | 72.5% (50 out of 69) of the ballot questions calling for additions or expansion gained voter approval. |
| Renovation/Repairs | 60 of the 89 proposals (67.4%) called for replacing or upgrading heating, plumbing, ventilation or electrical systems; repairing or replacing roofs; upgrading instructional or athletic facilities; and/or other structural or system repairs. | 68.3% (41 out of 60) of questions calling for renovation and/or repair were approved. |
| New Schools | 17 of the 89 questions (19.1%) proposed the construction of new school buildings. | 58.8% (10 out of 17) of proposals for new schools met with voter approval. |
| Technology | 21 of the 89 proposals (23.6%) sought technology upgrades, such as new equipment, rewiring or structural renovation to accommodate electronic equipment. | 61.9% (13 out of 21) of questions calling for technology installation or upgrades gained voter approval. |

* This table breaks down the subjects of the 89 construction questions on the ballot during 1999 into four elements (Additions/Expansion; Renovation/Repairs; New Schools; and Technology). The data is based on information provided by school business administrators in the districts that held construction referenda

** Most of the 89 proposals included more than one of the four elements (Additions/Expansion; Renovation/Repairs; New Schools; Technologies) addressed in the table above. Therefore, the percentages listed in the second column, under "Ballot Proposals," will add up to more than 100%.