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Voters Approve Construction Proposals in Six of Nine School Districts

TRENTON, April 16, 2003—Voters approved school construction proposals in six of the nine districts that had bond referenda questions on the ballot Tuesday, the New Jersey School Boards Association reported today.

In addition to the proposed school construction bonds, voters statewide also filled more than 1,600 local board positions and acted on 550 proposed school operating budgets.

In the nine districts with bond referenda, voters authorized \$32.7 million of the \$75.18 million in proposed school construction. Slightly more than \$7 million of the approved amount will be funded through grants under New Jersey's Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act. The act, signed in July 2000, provides \$8.6 billion in state money for school construction and funds at least 40% of what the state determines are eligible costs for local district projects. Financing that was approved for Tuesday's ballot is divided between state and local sources as follows:

\$32,706,848 – **Total approved**
\$7,032,302 – **State grants**
\$25,674,546 – **Locally financed bonds**

Special School Elections. State law limits special school elections to five dates a year: the fourth Tuesday in January, the second Tuesday in March, the last Tuesday in September, the second Tuesday in December, and the Annual School Election on the third Tuesday in April.

To see results of bond referenda from 1997 to 2003, go to the "Research" section of NJSBA's news page at <http://www.njsba.org/PI/research/index.html>.

Attached are the results of districts that held bond referenda on April 15.

The New Jersey School Boards Association is a federation of more than 600 local boards of education. Established more than 85 years ago, NJSBA represents the education and related health and safety interests of New Jersey's 1.3 million public school students and advocates the positions of the state's local school districts. The Association also provides inservice training and technical assistance to the state's 4,800 local board of education members. School board members, who serve without compensation, are the largest group of elected and appointed public officials in the state.

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NEW JERSEY SCHOOL BOND ELECTIONS RESULTS
ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION

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Voters in six of nine school districts approved school construction proposals during the Annual School Election on Tuesday, April 15. The nine school districts proposed a total of 10 bond questions totaling \$75,181,665.72. The New Jersey School Boards Association derived the information from ballot questions provided by county boards of elections.

\$32,706,848 – **Total approved**
\$7,032,302 – **Funded through state grants**
\$25,674,546 – **Funded through locally financed bonds**

BERGEN COUNTY

Leonia—PASSED

Addition and renovations to Leonia Middle School.

\$15,535,000 – total
\$3,075,675 – state grant
\$12,459,325 – locally financed bonds

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Mahwah—PASSED

Technology infrastructure and related renovations.

\$284,525 – total
\$0 – state grant
\$284,525 – locally financed bonds

Paramus—PASSED

Renovations to high, middle and elementary schools.

\$1,908,400 – total
\$696,147 – state grant
\$1,212,253 – locally financed bonds

Westwood Regional—FAILED (Both questions)

Proposal 1: Additions and renovations to all district schools.

\$28,354,236.72 – total

\$8,900,570 – state grant

\$19,453,666.72 – locally financed bonds

Proposal 2: Reconstruct play fields (requires approval of Proposal 1)

\$900,000 – total

\$0 – state grant

\$900,000 – locally financed bonds

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BURLINGTON COUNTY

Delanco Township—FAILED

Addition to Pearson School, with renovations and additions to other schools.

\$7,798,281 – total

\$2,469,321 – state grant

\$5,328,960 – locally financed bonds

Washington Township—FAILED

Construction of a new school.

\$5,422,300 – total

\$1,478,646 – state grant

\$743,654 – locally financed bonds

\$3,200,000 – other local sources (transfer from capital reserve)

CAMDEN COUNTY

Eastern Camden County Regional—PASSED

Addition and renovations to Eastern Regional High School and athletic facilities.

\$9,430,633 – total

\$973,253 – state grant

\$8,457,380 – locally financed bonds

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ESSEX COUNTY

Nutley—PASSED

Renovations to Nutley High School

\$4,872,673 – total

\$1,949,069 – state grant

\$2,923,604 – locally financed bonds

SUSSEX COUNTY

Ogdensburg—PASSED

Renovations to improve handicapped accessibility; replacement of windows; and installing a new playground.

\$675,617 – total

\$338,158 – state grant

\$337,459 – locally financed bonds