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## **VOTERS APPROVE \$196 MILLION IN SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION**

TRENTON, March 9, 2005—Voters approved school-construction questions in 10 of the 12 school districts holding referendums on Tuesday, the New Jersey School Boards Association reported today. The approved spending totaled \$196 million.

More than \$70 million of Tuesday's construction will be funded through the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act. Passed in 2000, the act provides \$8.6 billion of state funds for school construction—\$6 billion for the special needs, or Abbott districts, with the remainder funding at least 40% of state-determined eligible costs in all other districts.

Statewide, school construction proposals on Tuesday's ballot will be funded by state and local sources as follows:

Total project costs - **\$196,481,538**

State grants - **\$70,736,227**

Locally financed bonds - **\$125,745,311**

School boards can schedule bond referendums on five dates a year. The next date occurs in conjunction with the Annual School Election on April 19, when voters also choose school board candidates and vote on the school district's annual operations budget.

**Results of the school construction proposals from Tuesday's ballot follow.**

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**New Jersey School Construction Referendum Results  
Tuesday, March 8, 2005**

## **BERGEN COUNTY**

### **Maywood—Passed**

Expansion and renovations to Memorial School and the Maywood Avenue School

\$17,649,155 – total cost

\$5,606,860 – state grant

\$12,042,295 – local bonds

### **Wallington—Passed**

Renovations to the Wallington High School and the Frank W. Gaviak Elementary School

\$6,122,286 – total cost

\$2,448,915 – state grant

\$3,673,371 – local bonds

## **BURLINGTON COUNTY**

### **Delanco Township—Passed**

Addition to the Pearson School and renovations to the Walnut Street School

\$10,200,784 – total cost

\$3,439,215 – state grant

\$6,761,569 – local bonds

### **Delran Township—Defeated**

Renovations and additions to the Delran High, Middle and Intermediate schools.

\$17,953,218 – total cost

\$17,953,218 – local bonds

### **Lenape Regional —Proposal 1 Passed, Proposals 2 & 3 Defeated**

*Proposal 1:* Renovations to the Lenape, Shawnee, Cherokee North and Sequoia high schools

\$89,040,359 – total cost

\$32,180,755 – state grant

\$56,859,604 – local bonds

*Proposal 2 (contingent upon passage of Proposal 1):* Install air conditioning in all schools.

\$12,218,330 – total cost

\$4,246,041 – state grant

\$7,972,289 – local bonds

*Proposal 3 (contingent upon passage of Proposal 1):* Construct a swimming pool at the Lenape High School for use by all schools and community

\$6,806,684 – total cost

\$6,806,684 – local bonds

## **CAMDEN COUNTY**

### **Bellmawr—Passed**

Renovations to the E.M. Burke Elementary School, Bellmawr Park Elementary School and the Bell Oaks Middle School

\$821,498 – total cost

\$328,600 – state grant

\$492,898 – local bonds

### **Collingswood—Passed**

Additions and renovations to Collingswood High and Collingswood Middle schools; renovations to five elementary schools.

\$33,858,358 – total cost  
\$13,681,572 – state grant  
\$20,176,786 – local bonds

**Haddon Heights—Passed**

Additions and renovations to the Haddon Heights Junior/Senior High School, Atlantic Avenue School, Glenview Avenue School and Seventh Avenue School

\$20,970,377 – total cost  
\$7,401,070 – state grant  
\$13,569,307 – local bonds

**GLOUCESTER COUNTY**

**Westville—Passed**

Renovations to Parkview Elementary School

\$2,565,444 – total cost  
\$1,436,402 – state grant  
\$1,129,042 – local bonds

**HUNTERDON COUNTY**

**Union Township—Passed**

Complete the construction of a new elementary school approved by voters on March 12, 2002; upgrade the school district's wastewater treatment plant.

\$2,900,000 – total cost  
\$2,900,000 – local bonds

**MONMOUTH COUNTY**

**Fair Haven—Both Proposals Passed**

*Proposal 1:* Expansion and renovations to two schools.

\$10,930,874 – total cost  
\$3,643,877 – state grant  
\$7,286,997 – local bonds

*Proposal 2:* Install air conditioning in portions of schools currently without it.

\$1,422,403 – total cost  
\$568,961 – state grant  
\$853,442 – local bonds

**SUSSEX COUNTY**

**Sussex-Wantage Regional—Defeated**

Addition and renovations to the Sussex Middle School, and renovations to the Lawrence and Wantage elementary schools.

\$20,000,000 – total cost  
\$6,821,243 – state grant  
\$13,178,757 – local bonds

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