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Voters in 16 of 18 Districts Approve \$82 Million in School Construction Proposals

TRENTON, April 19, 2007—Voters in 16 of 18 school districts approved school-construction proposals totaling \$82.1 million during Tuesday's Annual School Election, the New Jersey School Boards Association reported.

A total of \$161.9 million was requested. Of the total amount approved, \$38.28 million is to be covered through state grants or reimbursed in installments of annual state aid for debt service.

The Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act of 2000 set a minimum state funding level of 40 percent of state-determined eligible costs per project. Although the up-front cash grants that were available through the Facilities Act are no longer available, the state is meeting its 40-percent obligation through annual installments of state debt service aid to school districts. The state's debt service aid is funded through its annual budget.

The number of construction proposals on Tuesday's ballot represents a marked increase over the most recent bond election on March 14, when only one district proposed a project.

A 2001 state law limits school bond elections to five dates a year: The Annual School Election in April, the last Tuesday in September, the second Tuesday in December, the fourth Tuesday in January and the second Tuesday in March.

Results of the April 17 construction proposals follow.

New Jersey School Construction Referendum Results Tuesday, April 17, 2007

STATEWIDE

Total amount approved: \$82,143,062 (Amount requested: \$161,936,752)

Total amount to be reimbursed by the state: \$38,282,936

ATLANTIC COUNTY

Hamilton Township – Passed

Renovations to three schools

Total Amount - \$997,000

Amount eligible for state reimbursement: \$526,915

BERGEN COUNTY

Edgewater – Passed

Replace school roof

Total Amount - \$665,081

Amount eligible for state reimbursement: \$266,032

Harrington Park – Passed

Roof replacement and exterior renovations to Harrington Park Elementary School.

Total Amount - \$1,552,795
Amount eligible for state reimbursement: \$621,118

Northern Valley Regional High School – Passed

Renovations to Demarest High School
Total Amount - \$2,186,130
Amount eligible for state reimbursement: \$874,452

Oakland – Passed

Fire alarm and roof replacement at middle school, and electrical system improvements to four schools.
Total Amount - \$1,152,986
Amount eligible for state reimbursement: \$461,194

Paramus – Passed

Renovations, roof and security improvements to several schools.
Total Amount – \$1,983,603
Amount eligible for state reimbursement: \$793,441

River Edge – Rejected

Acquire property adjacent to the Cherry Hill School
Total Amount - \$895,000
(Not eligible for state support)

BURLINGTON COUNTY

Shamong Township – Passed

Roof, security and fire alarm renovations to two schools.
Total Amount - \$757,846
Amount eligible for state reimbursement: \$303,138

Riverside Township – Passed

Re-roofing of the Riverside Middle/High School.
Total Amount - \$513,000
Amount eligible for state reimbursement: \$195,970

MERCER COUNTY

Ewing Township – Passed

Cancel the district's lease-purchase agreement of existing school facilities and refinance the debt through a bond issue.
Total Amount - \$14,775,000
(Not eligible for state support)

MIDDLESEX

Edison Township – Rejected

Additions and renovations to 12 schools.
Total Amount - \$79,899,190
Amount eligible for state reimbursement: \$17,001,010

MONMOUTH

Ocean Township – Passed

Energy projects including HVAC upgrades, new lighting and upgrades to water conservation equipment at five schools
Total Amount - \$6,113,217
Amount eligible for state reimbursement: \$2,445,287

Upper Freehold Regional – Passed

Expend additional funding on the construction of a new middle school that was approved by voters in December 2004, and to acquire land to construct the school on that site.
Total Amount - \$13,238,000
Amount of locally financed bond: \$12,238,000
Transfer from capital reserve: \$1 million

MORRIS COUNTY

Boonton Town – Passed

Renovations and additions to two schools, and relocate school administration offices.
Total Amount – \$23,581,325
Amount eligible for state reimbursement: \$7,095,645

East Hanover Township – Passed

Completion of a renovation project previously approved by voters in December 2002.
Total Amount - \$953,000
Amount eligible for state reimbursement: \$264,860

Lincoln Park – Passed

Renovations to the elementary and middle schools.

Total Amount - \$2,146,759

Amount eligible for state reimbursement: \$818,703

OCEAN COUNTY

Brick Township – Passed

Renovations to five schools.

Total Amount - \$4,439,186

Amount eligible for state reimbursement: \$1,775,674

Pinelands Regional – Passed (both questions)

Proposal 1:

Academic and athletic-related renovations to the high school and junior high school.

Total: \$5,614,456

Amount eligible for state reimbursement: \$3,345,817

Proposal 2:

Construction of additional classrooms

Total: \$1,493,678

Amount eligible for state reimbursement: \$1,493,678

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