



New Jersey School Boards Association

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Voters Approve \$73 Million in School Construction Proposals on April 15

TRENTON, April 16, 2008 — Voters approved 12 of the 15 referendums on Tuesday's ballot, for a total of \$73.75 million in school construction, the New Jersey School Boards Association reported today.

Of the total amount of construction approved on the April 15 ballot, \$31.8 million will be reimbursed by the state through annual payments of aid for debt service.

The Annual School Election on April 15 was the date when voters in 90 percent of New Jersey school districts elected school board members and voted on their district's annual operating budget. The Annual School Election is also one of five specific dates a year on which a school board can propose a referendum question for construction projects. The remaining dates on which school boards can schedule bond elections this year are Sept. 30 and Dec. 9.

Construction proposals that involve "green energy" continue to be popular, as districts obtain grants and other incentives from state agencies. Three of this month's 15 proposals and three of last month's eight proposals included solar projects.

Results of the April 15 construction proposals follow. Information was derived from ballot questions supplied by the state's county boards of elections.

New Jersey School Construction Referendum Results Tuesday, April 15, 2008

Simple majority required for approval

STATEWIDE

Total amount approved: \$73,750,022 (\$136,040,958 requested)

Total Amount eligible for state reimbursement: \$31,853,168

ATLANTIC COUNTY

Egg Harbor Township – Passed

Renovations to seven schools, including repairs to roof, HVAC and security systems, athletic complex, and installation of solar power

Total Amount - \$27,924,841

Amount eligible for state reimbursement - \$14,906,962

Hamilton Township – Passed

Renovations to three schools

Total Amount - \$998,000

Amount eligible for state reimbursement - \$540,997

BERGEN COUNTY

Little Ferry – Passed

Replacement of roof and improvements to HVAC system at Memorial Elementary School

Total Amount - \$2,400,000

Amount eligible for state reimbursement - \$960,000

BURLINGTON COUNTY

Rancocas Valley Regional – Passed

Renovate or replace the roof, sidewalks and parking lot at Rancocas Valley Regional High School

Total Amount - \$2,483,683

Amount eligible for state reimbursement - \$986,365

CAMDEN COUNTY

Winslow Township – Passed

Renovations to seven schools

Total Amount - \$3,300,000

Amount eligible for state reimbursement - \$2,141,370

GLOUCESTER COUNTY**Kingsway Regional – Rejected**

Expand and renovate a gym, renovate science labs

Total Amount - \$1,000,000

Amount eligible for state reimbursement - \$233,278

HUDSON COUNTY**Weehawken – Passed**

Renovations to three schools, including boilers, roofs and electrical; renovate science labs

Total Amount - \$7,500,000

Amount eligible for state reimbursement - \$2,658,959

MERCER COUNTY**Lawrence Township – Passed**

Install solar energy systems at seven schools

Total Amount - \$10,508,700

Amount eligible for state reimbursement - \$4,203,480

MIDDLESEX COUNTY**Edison Township – Rejected**

Expansion and renovations to three schools and construction of one school

Total Amount - \$57,790,936

Amount eligible for state reimbursement - \$5,243,166

OCEAN COUNTY**Little Egg Harbor Township – Passed**

Construction and renovations to two schools

Total Amount - \$7,995,470

Amount eligible for state reimbursement - \$1,859,730

Stafford Township – Passed

Installation of solar energy systems at three schools

Total Amount - \$3,654,000

Amount eligible for state reimbursement - \$1,461,600

PASSAIC COUNTY**Clifton – Rejected**

Stadium improvements, including replacing track and installing artificial turf, lighting, fencing and bleachers

Total Amount - \$3,500,000

Not eligible for state reimbursement

Ringwood – Passed

Roof replacement at the Martin J. Ryerson School

Total Amount - \$1,328,000

Amount eligible for state reimbursement - \$531,200

SUSSEX COUNTY**Fredon Township – Passed**

Additions and renovations at elementary school

Total Amount - \$5,001,078

Amount eligible for state reimbursement - \$1,340,005

WARREN COUNTY**North Warren Regional – Passed**

Replace boilers, hot water heater/tank and emergency generator at middle/high school

Total Amount - \$656,250

Amount eligible for state reimbursement - \$262,500

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