



New Jersey School Boards Association

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Voters Approve \$164.6 Million in School Construction

TRENTON, April 23, 2009—Voters approved 15 of the construction referendums in 19 districts on Tuesday for a total of \$164.6 million in school construction, according to the New Jersey School Boards Association.

Tuesday, April 21 was the [Annual School Election](#), the date when voters in 90 percent of New Jersey school districts elected school board members and voted on their districts' annual budgets. The Annual School Election is also one of five dates a year on which school boards can propose referendum questions on construction projects. The remaining dates for school bond elections this year are Sept. 29 and Dec. 8.

Of the total amount of construction proposals approved on April 21, more than \$41.6 million will be eligible for state school-facilities reimbursement.

Results of the April 21 construction proposals are as follows:

New Jersey School Construction Referendums Results Tuesday, April 21, 2009

STATEWIDE

Total amount approved: \$164,610,859 (Amount requested: \$212,595,442)

Total amount covered through state reimbursement: \$41,664,080

ATLANTIC COUNTY

Atlantic City - Passed

Construct two new elementary schools and renovate an existing school.

Total amount - \$80,321,686

Amount eligible for state aid - \$8,296,460

Galloway Township - Passed

Install a solar energy system at middle school.

Total amount - \$2,366,750

Amount eligible for state aid - \$1,086,338

Mainland Regional - Proposals 1 & 2 Passed; Proposal 3 Rejected

Proposal 1: New roof with solar panels.

Total amount - \$10,633,685

Amount eligible for state aid - \$4,253,474

Proposal 2: Renovations to the Mainland Regional High School

Total amount - \$29,781,568

Amount eligible for state aid - \$9,995,595

Proposal 3: Install artificial turf at high school.

Total amount: \$1,393,000

(Not eligible for state aid)

BERGEN COUNTY

Hasbrouck Heights - Passed

Replace roof, windows and generator at middle/high school; replace roof and windows at two elementary schools

Total amount - \$4,607,781

Amount eligible for state reimbursement - \$1,843,113

Northern Valley Regional - Passed

Renovations to Demarest and Old Tappan High Schools, including asbestos abatement, roof and other building improvements

Total amount - \$3,816,888

Amount eligible for state reimbursement - \$1,526,755

BURLINGTON COUNTY

Mount Holly Township - Rejected

Renovations at three schools, including roofs, windows, plumbing, electrical, fire safety, HVAC, etc.

Total amount - \$34,029,906

Amount eligible for state reimbursement - \$20,287,676

Northern Burlington County Regional - Passed

Renovations including roof repair, HVAC, fire systems and solar panels at high school

Total amount - \$3,800,323

Amount eligible for state reimbursement - \$1,069,227

Riverside - Rejected (both proposals)

Proposal 1: Renovations, including playground, parking and athletic facilities

Total amount - \$2,777,938

Amount eligible for state reimbursement - \$640,328

Proposal 2 (Contingent upon passage of Proposal 1): Athletic field improvements

Total amount - \$2,304,714

Amount eligible for state reimbursement - \$525,634

CAMDEN COUNTY

Woodlynne - Rejected

Additions and renovations to the elementary school.

Total amount - \$7,128,140

Amount eligible for state aid - \$4,253,976

ESSEX COUNTY

West Essex Regional - Passed

Replace roof and windows at high school and junior high school, replace boilers at junior high school

Total amount - \$10,895,000

Amount eligible for state aid - \$4,358,000

GLOUCESTER COUNTY

Clearview Regional - Passed

Install solar panels at middle school

Total amount - \$1,303,336

Amount eligible for state aid - \$663,659

Kingsway Regional - Passed

Construct an addition for science labs

Total amount - \$449,600

Amount eligible for state aid - \$233,278

MONMOUTH COUNTY

Keyport - Passed

Repair roof and install solar panels at Central Elementary School and at administrative offices

Total amount - \$3,900,423

Amount eligible for state aid - \$1,689,294

MORRIS COUNTY

Butler - Rejected

Bleachers and field improvements at elementary school

Total amount - \$350,885

Amount eligible for state aid - \$140,354

OCEAN COUNTY

Lakehurst - Passed

Renovate elementary school, including roofing, HVAC and fire systems

Total amount - \$4,754,897

Amount eligible for state aid - \$3,583,210

PASSAIC COUNTY

Prospect Park - Passed

Construct an addition for pre-kindergarten, replace boilers and other renovations

Total amount - \$4,256,717

Amount eligible for state reimbursement - \$1,576,795

SUSSEX COUNTY

Frankford Township - Passed

Renovations to elementary school, including repairs to roof, doors, restrooms and floors

Total amount - \$1,296,205

Amount eligible for state reimbursement - \$518,482

Green Township - Passed

Partial roof replacement at elementary school

Total amount - \$693,500

Amount eligible for state reimbursement - \$277,400

Hardyston Township - Passed

Roof replacement at middle school

Total amount - \$1,732,500

Amount eligible for state reimbursement – \$693,000

(Note: The amounts eligible for state reimbursement include state school facilities grants and state school facilities debt service payments, but may not include other sources such as Clean Energy rebates for solar projects.)

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