



New Jersey School Boards Association

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Voters Approve School Projects in 19 of 25 Districts

TRENTON, September 30, 2009—Voters in 19 school districts on Tuesday approved more than \$166 million in school construction, the New Jersey School Boards Association reported today.

In all, 25 districts proposed school-construction questions on Tuesday. Energy-saving initiatives were common, as many of the bond questions sought approval for new and more efficient windows, heating systems, or solar panels. Eight of the 25 questions asked for funding to install solar panels; voters approved all eight.

Of the \$166 million in construction that was approved, \$67.2 million will be eligible for state aid through one-time school-construction grants, annual “debt service aid” payments to school districts, or rebates through the state’s Clean Energy program.

School boards may hold special elections on five specific dates a year. The next date on which a school board may schedule a bond referendum question is Dec. 8. Including Tuesday’s vote, voters this year have approved school-construction proposals in 37 of 51 communities, for a success rate of nearly 73 percent. The average [success rate](#) of the previous four years has hovered around 62 percent.

Results of Tuesday’s school construction proposals are below.

New Jersey School Construction Referendum Results Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2009

STATEWIDE

Total amount approved – \$166,638,544 (\$440,279,337 requested)

Amount covered through state reimbursement – \$67,260,961 (state reimbursement may include up-front school-construction grants, annual payments of debt service aid, or Clean Energy rebates)

ATLANTIC COUNTY

Hamilton Township – Passed

Install solar panels at three schools; roof repairs at two schools

Total amount – \$4,824,407

Amount eligible for state reimbursement – \$3,215,299

Northfield – Passed

Install solar panels at middle school

Total amount – \$468,510

Amount eligible for state reimbursement – \$242,404

BERGEN COUNTY

Franklin Lakes – Passed

Renovations to three schools, including replacement of roofs, doors, bathrooms and boilers

Total amount – \$1,327,900

Amount eligible for state reimbursement – \$531,160

Leonia – Passed

Renovations to three schools, including electrical systems, roofs, boilers, and solar panels

Total amount – \$20,300,000

Amount eligible for state reimbursement – \$8,120,000

Park Ridge – Passed

Renovations to three schools, including roofs, windows, doors, boilers and solar panels

Total amount – \$10,665,713

Amount eligible for state reimbursement – \$4,266,285

BURLINGTON COUNTY**Hainesport Township – Passed**

Renovations to the Hainesport School, including roof, fire system, HVAC, windows and doors, various interior upgrades, and removal of hazardous material

Total amount – \$9,626,087

Amount eligible for state reimbursement – \$3,850,435

Shamong Township – Passed

Renovations to two schools, including solar panels

Total amount – \$2,560,467

Amount eligible for state reimbursement – \$739,967

Mount Holly Township – Rejected (all questions)

Proposal 1: Renovations to three schools, including roofs, electrical, fire and HVAC systems.

Total amount – \$24,068,893

Amount eligible for state reimbursement – \$14,394,200

Proposal 2: Renovations to security systems at three schools

Total amount – \$1,839,229

Amount eligible for state reimbursement – \$1,096,497

Proposal 3: Renovations to three schools, including sidewalks, doors and windows

Total amount – \$2,938,957

Amount eligible for state reimbursement – \$1,752,124

Proposal 4: Technology upgrades and removal of hazardous materials

Total amount – \$5,182,827

Amount eligible for state reimbursement – \$3,089,856

All proposals are independent questions, not contingent upon passage of any other question.

Riverside Township – Rejected (both questions)

Proposal 1: Renovations to playground, parking and athletic facility

Total amount – \$1,732,969

Amount eligible for state reimbursement – \$1,165,962

Proposal 2 (Contingent upon passage of Proposal 1): Renovations including installation of an athletic field

Total amount – \$1,599,683

CAMDEN COUNTY**Pennsauken – Rejected**

Demolish an elementary school and construct a new school

Total amount – \$34,665,986

Amount eligible for state reimbursement – \$2,438,457

Stratford – Passed

Addition and renovations to one school, renovations to another school

Total amount – \$8,837,500

Amount eligible for state reimbursement – \$3,630,770

CAPE MAY COUNTY**Ocean City – Passed**

Replace intermediate school roof and HVAC system

Total amount – \$8,522,140

Amount eligible for state reimbursement – \$3,408,856

CUMBERLAND COUNTY**Lawrence Township – Passed**

Addition and renovations to Myron Powell Elementary School

Total amount – \$6,549,146

Amount eligible for state reimbursement – \$4,032,360

GLOUCESTER COUNTY**Clayton – Passed**

Addition and renovations to middle-high school, renovations to an elementary school

Total amount – \$20,007,138

Amount eligible for state reimbursement – \$9,989,585

Pitman – Passed

Install solar panels and other energy related improvements

Total amount – \$2,095,125

Amount eligible for state reimbursement – \$1,056,467

MIDDLESEX COUNTY**East Brunswick Township – Passed**

Construct a new Memorial Elementary School

Total amount – \$23,814,000

Amount eligible for state reimbursement – \$4,238,520

South Plainfield Township – Rejected

Renovations at five schools, including roof, windows, boilers, HVAC projects

Total amount – \$21,944,098

Amount eligible for state reimbursement – \$8,777,639

MONMOUTH COUNTY**Atlantic Highlands – Passed**

Install solar panels at elementary school

Total amount – \$490,000

Amount eligible for state reimbursement – \$196,000

Marlboro Township – Passed

Construct an addition to Defino Central Elementary School

Total amount – \$2,522,062

Amount eligible for state reimbursement – \$480,480

OCEAN COUNTY**Brick Township – Rejected (all questions)**

Proposal 1: Safety and security renovations to district schools

Total amount – \$27,920,467

Amount eligible for state reimbursement – \$8,991,785

Proposal 2: Energy efficiency renovations to district schools

Total amount – \$41,247,304

Amount eligible for state reimbursement – \$14,955,038

Proposal 3: Renovations to Primary Learning Center and enrichment center

Total amount – \$12,767,119

Amount eligible for state reimbursement – \$2,245,828

Proposal 4: Renovations to high school

Total amount – \$90,809,018

Amount eligible for state reimbursement – \$28,011,132

All proposals are independent questions, not contingent upon passage of any other question.

Manchester Township – Passed

Renovations to five schools and board offices

Total amount – \$8,275,621

Amount eligible for state reimbursement – \$1,530,119

PASSAIC COUNTY**Woodland Park – Passed**

Additions and/or renovations to three schools, including roofs, playgrounds, parking lots, roofs, HVAC and other interior upgrades

Total amount – \$8,956,315

Amount eligible for state reimbursement – \$2,853,557

SALEM COUNTY**Pittsgrove Township – Passed**

Renovations to two schools, including security systems, HVAC, windows, doors, other interior upgrades, and track resurfacing

Total amount – \$3,996,413

Amount eligible for state reimbursement – \$2,301,625

UNION COUNTY

Rahway – Passed

Additions and renovations to six schools, including new auditoriums, offices and classrooms; upgrades to fire, security, water and electrical systems; and solar panels.

Total amount – \$22,800,000

Amount eligible for state reimbursement – \$12,577,072

WARREN COUNTY

Washington Borough – Rejected

Renovations to two schools, including new unit ventilators

Total amount – \$6,924,243

Amount eligible for state reimbursement – \$3,276,222

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