



New Jersey School Boards Association

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Voters Approve \$10.3 million in School Construction

TRENTON, January 27, 2010—Voters in two of nine New Jersey school districts approved \$10.35 million in school construction on Tuesday, the New Jersey School Boards Association reported today.

A total of \$293.7 million was on the ballot. Of the total amount approved, \$3.64 million will qualify for state funds, either 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 March 9.

Details of Tuesday’s school construction proposals are below.

New Jersey School Construction Referendum Results Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2010

STATEWIDE

Total amount approved – \$10,355,248 (\$293,780,967 requested)

Amount eligible for state reimbursement – \$3,641,022 (may include up-front school-construction grants, annual payments of debt service aid, or Clean Energy rebates)

BERGEN COUNTY

Wood-Ridge – Rejected (both questions)

Proposal 1: Additions and renovations, including new classrooms and science labs, boilers, solar panels, and roof repairs.

Total amount – \$14,922,540

Amount eligible for state reimbursement – \$3,418,754

Proposal 2 (contingent upon passage of Proposal 1): Additions and renovations, including new classrooms, window replacement, electrical upgrades.

Total amount – \$10,388,543

Amount eligible for state reimbursement – \$2,835,033

CAMDEN COUNTY

Pennsauken Township – Rejected

Demolish an elementary school and construct a new school

Total amount – \$34,665,986

Amount eligible for state reimbursement – \$2,438,356

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

Cumberland Regional – Passed

Replace roof and install solar panels at high school

Total amount – \$9,960,123

Amount eligible for state reimbursement – \$3,482,972

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

Edison Township – Rejected (both questions)

Proposal 1: Renovations to 13 schools

Total amount – \$137,068,139

Amount eligible for state reimbursement – \$34,678,611

Proposal 2: Construct a new elementary school

Total amount – \$29,775,888

Amount eligible for state reimbursement – \$4,796,563

OCEAN COUNTY

Jackson Township – Rejected (all questions)

Proposal 1: Install solar panels at high school.

Total amount – \$7,043,750

Amount eligible for state reimbursement – \$5,311,575

Proposal 2: Renovations to information technology and/or security systems in 10 schools.

Total amount – \$11,925,000

Amount eligible for state reimbursement – \$4,770,000

Proposal 3: Replace heating/ventilation/air conditioning systems at high school

Total amount – \$6,700,000

Amount eligible for state reimbursement – \$2,680,000

Proposal 4: Install an irrigation system at high school

Total amount – \$3,790,230

Amount eligible for state reimbursement – \$1,516,230

SUSSEX COUNTY

High Point Regional – Rejected

Renovations to roofs; windows and doors; labs; athletic facilities, including artificial turf; electrical/security and HVAC systems

Total amount – \$13,056,877

Amount eligible for state reimbursement – \$4,311,028

Montague Township – Passed

Partial roof replacement and repairs at elementary school

Total amount – \$395,125

Amount eligible for state reimbursement – \$158,050

WARREN COUNTY

Knowlton Township – Rejected

Addition and renovations to the elementary school

Total amount – \$7,164,523

Amount eligible for state reimbursement – \$1,095,782

Washington Borough – Rejected

Renovations to two schools

Total amount – \$6,924,243

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

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