

PRESS RELEASE

Voters Approve \$42 Million in School Construction

TRENTON, December 12, 2012—Voters in four of the six New Jersey school districts holding a bond referendum on Tuesday approved a total of \$42.4 million in school construction, the New Jersey School Boards Association reported today.

The total amount requested among the six districts was \$60,815,217. Voters in Park Ridge, Robbinsville, South Amboy and Westfield approved local school construction proposals, while voters rejected proposals in Midland Park and Bellmawr.

The ballot language in most of the communities holding a referendum on Tuesday stated that “no state support is currently available and the state has not been approving any capital projects for which state support is requested.” The ballots also added that the school board will use its best effort to obtain any state aid, should it become available.

School boards can schedule bond referendums on five specific dates a year. The next date is Jan. 22.

Details of the school bond referendum results are below.

New Jersey School Construction Referendum Results

Tuesday, December 11, 2012

STATEWIDE

Total amount approved: **\$42,449,967** (Total amount requested: \$60,815,217)

BERGEN COUNTY

Midland Park – Rejected (both proposals)

Proposal 1: Renovate high school and two elementary schools (electrical systems, alarms, HVAC, building exterior, site improvements, roofs, etc.)

Total amount: \$12,194,000

Proposal 2: (Contingent upon passage of Proposal 1): Renovate high school auditorium and field, including installing synthetic turf, lighting and bleachers.

Total amount: \$3,077,500

Park Ridge – Approved

Install artificial turf, resurface all-weather track, and other track and field improvements. Unexpended funds from a 2009 referendum would be used toward the project.

Total amount: \$1,400,000

CAMDEN COUNTY

Bellmawr – Rejected

Replace and repair roofs at three schools.

Total amount: \$3,093,750

MERCER

Robbinsville – Approved

Construct additions and renovate two schools.

Total amount: \$18,979,967.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

South Amboy – Approved

Renovate the South Amboy Elementary School (roof repairs, replace boilers, interior repairs, handicapped accessibility, mechanical systems, electrical, plumbing, etc.)

Total amount: \$8,470,000

UNION COUNTY

Westfield – Approved

Replace or repair roofs at 12 schools or district buildings.

Total amount: \$13,600,000