

## PRESS RELEASE

### **Voters in Two School Districts Reject School Construction Proposals**

**TRENTON**, January 23, 2013—Voters rejected the two school-construction proposals on the ballot Tuesday. Haddonfield in Camden County requested \$12.5 million to acquire land and construct an athletic facility, and Parsippany-Troy Hills in Morris County requested \$7.733 million, also for athletic field improvements.

The fourth Tuesday in January was one of the five dates each year that school boards may hold special elections. The next date on which a school board may schedule a bond referendum question is March 12.

In related news, New Brunswick held an election on Tuesday for two board of education seats. Five candidates had filed for the two seats. The district had changed from a mayor-appointed school board to an elected one. The board has seven members, but state law requires that any district changing to an elected school board to have nine members if it was not already that size.

Results of the Jan. 22 school construction proposals are below.

### **New Jersey School Construction Referendum Results**

**Tuesday, January 22, 2013**

#### ***STATEWIDE***

**Total amount requested – \$20,233,000**

#### ***CAMDEN COUNTY***

##### **Haddonfield – Rejected**

Acquire 19.2 acres of property, construct athletic fields and related facilities, with remaining land to be used for recreational, open space and future educational needs. (The district received a commitment of \$3.5 million in grants from the state's Green Acres Program, as well as from county and borough open-space funds.)

Total amount – \$12,500,000

***MORRIS COUNTY***

**Parsippany-Troy Hills Township – Rejected**

Athletic field renovations at both high schools, including artificial turf and various other improvements to the athletic fields.

Total amount – \$7,733,000