



Voters Decide on School Construction Projects in Special Election

Voters headed to the polls for a special election Dec. 14 to decide various school construction proposals.

There were eight boards of education with construction questions on the ballot.

Statewide amount proposed: \$186,740,023

Statewide amount approved: \$93,653,540

State funding of proposed questions: \$48,917,836.15

State funding approved: \$31,923,529

Under the Educational Facilities and Construction and Financing Act of 2000, the state will fund at least 40% of eligible school construction costs through annual debt service aid.

Here are the unofficial results available at publication time.

School Construction Proposals

Bergen County

Montvale – APPROVED — Various improvements, alterations, renovations, upgrades and additions at Fieldstone Middle School and Memorial Elementary School, including acquisition and installation of fixtures, furniture, equipment and any site work.

Total amount proposed: \$29,414,343

State funding: \$8,421,491

Camden County

Audubon – APPROVED — Various improvements, alterations, renovations, upgrades and additions at Haviland Elementary School, Mansion Elementary School and Audubon Jr./Sr. High School, including acquisition and installation of fixtures, furniture, equipment and any site work; and (b) to appropriate \$27,810,551, partially funded by the \$1 million in pandemic and energy relief funding.

The board may further offset the amount of bonds to be issued with any state and/or federal funds or grants available at the time of the bond issuance.

Total amount proposed: \$26,810,551

State funding: \$10,928,734

Eastern Camden Regional High School – APPROVED – Heating, ventilation and air conditioning improvements, alterations, renovations and upgrades at Eastern Regional High School, including acquisition and installation of fixtures, equipment and any related site work.

Total amount proposed: \$9,995,000

State funding: \$3,998,000

Pennsauken Two proposals; Proposal 2 can only be approved if Proposal 1 is approved.

Proposal 1 – REJECTED – Construction of a new addition and related site work at the Baldwin Elementary School; various other improvements and renovations, including replacement of the roof, upgrades to the HVAC and electrical systems at the Phifer Middle School; other improvements, including renovations to the parking lot; the construction of new additions and related site work at the Pennsauken Township High School, in connection with the relocation of the Pennsauken Township Magnet High School to the high school in lieu of renovation of the Roosevelt Elementary School as previously contemplated. The proposal also includes the completion of other capital improvements including, but not limited to, renovations to the athletic fields, cafeteria and classrooms; and the completion of such other work and improvements, and acquisition of furniture, fixtures and equipment as may be necessary.

Total amount proposed for Proposal 1: \$26,910,875

State funding: \$5,493,529

Proposal 2 – REJECTED – Construction of a new athletic field and related site work at the Phifer Middle School; construction of a new indoor eight lane, 25 meter competition pool and related site work at the Pennsauken Township High School; the completion of other work and improvements, and acquisition of furniture, fixtures and equipment as may be necessary to the critical needs projects.

Total amount proposed for Proposal 2: \$15,570,000

State funding: \$474,994

Middlesex County

Cranbury – APPROVED – Addition, renovations, alterations and improvements at the Cranbury School, including acquisition and installation of fixtures, furniture, furnishings, equipment, site work and related costs.

Total amount proposed: \$18,462,947

State funding: \$4,987,024

Passaic County

Little Falls – REJECTED – Additions, renovations, alterations and improvements at Little Falls Township Elementary School/Middle School #1, Little Falls Township Elementary School #2 and Little Falls Township Elementary School #3, including acquisition and installation of fixtures, furnishings and equipment, site work and related costs.

Total amount proposed: \$35,115,953

State funding: \$5,278,000

Somerset County

Warren Township – APPROVED — Fire alarm upgrades and safety improvement at all schools; HVAC upgrades at Central Elementary, Woodland Elementary, and Warren Middle Schools; door/hardware replacement at Central Elementary and Angelo L. Tomaso Elementary Schools; and lighting replacement and upgrades to science rooms at Warren Middle School.

Total amount proposed: \$8,970,699

State funding: \$3,588,280

Watchung Borough – REJECTED — Improvements, alterations, renovations, and upgrades at Bayberry Elementary School and Valley View Middle School, including acquisition and installation of fixtures, furniture, equipment and any site work.

Total amount proposed: \$14,978,371

State funding: \$5,747,785

School Board Notes will update pending results as they come in.

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