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Voters Approve \$49 Million in School Construction

TRENTON, March 12, 2008 — Voters in three school districts approved more than \$49.5 million in school construction on Tuesday, the New Jersey School Boards Association reported today.

In all, eight school boards had placed referendum questions on Tuesday's ballot, for a total of \$151.68 million in proposed construction.

Out of the total amount of school construction that voters approved Tuesday, nearly \$47.5 million will qualify for state aid. The state has been providing construction funding through payments of annual "debt service aid" to school districts.

The next date on which a school board may schedule a bond referendum question is the Annual School Election on April 15, when voters also act on proposed school district operating budgets and elect board of education candidates.

The results of Tuesday's school referendums are below.

New Jersey School Construction Referendum Results March 11, 2008

Total amount of school construction approved: \$49,457,933 (\$151,681,147 requested) Total amount to be provided through state facilities grant or state debt service: \$14,570,178

BERGEN COUNTY

Glen Rock - Passed

Additions and renovations to the middle/high school, and renovations to four elementary schools.

\$45,343,355 - Total cost

\$12,723,026 - Amount eligible for state facilities grant or state debt service

CAMDEN COUNTY

Oaklyn - Rejected

Renovations to the Oaklyn Elementary School.

\$5,951,301 - Total cost

\$2,380,520 - Amount eligible for state facilities grant or state debt service

GLOUCESTER COUNTY

Delsea Regional - Rejected

Renovations to the middle and high schools, including roof and solar projects.

\$6,467,760 - Total cost

\$5,488,132 - Amount eligible for state facilities grant or state debt service

Deptford Township - Rejected (all questions)

Proposal 1: Additions and renovations to the high and middle school; renovate five other schools. \$71,411,733 – Total cost \$18,501,182 – Amount eligible for state facilities grant or state debt service

Proposal 2 (contingent upon the passage of Proposal 1): Install air conditioning in specialized instructional areas at seven schools.

\$3,390,000 - Total cost

\$1,356,000 - Amount eligible for state facilities grant or state debt service

Proposal 3 (contingent upon the passage of Proposal 1): Install an elevator in administration building, and install stadium lighting and technology upgrades to the high school.

\$750,000 - Total cost

\$90,000 – Amount eligible for state facilities grant or state debt service

Elk Township - Passed

Renovations to the Aura School. \$1,750,578 – Total cost \$863,728 – Amount eligible for state facilities grant or state debt service

Washington Township - Rejected

Roof repairs and installation of solar panels at the high school. \$6,256,950 – Total cost \$3,247,357 – Amount eligible for state facilities grant or state debt service

HUNTERDON COUNTY

Readington Township - Passed

Various roof, paving and HVAC repairs. \$2,364,000 – Total cost \$983,424 – Amount eligible for state facilities grant or state debt service

OCEAN COUNTY

Little Egg Harbor Township - Rejected

Addition and renovations to an elementary school, and renovations to the intermediate school. \$7,995,470 – Total cost

\$1,859,730 - Amount eligible for state facilities grant or state debt service

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