



New Jersey School Boards Association

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Voters Approve \$20.8 million in School Construction

TRENTON, May 3, 2011—Voters in five of the eight New Jersey school districts with proposed school construction referendums on the April 27th Annual School Election ballot approved a total of \$20.8 million in school construction, according to the New Jersey School Boards Association.

The eight districts had requested \$50.8 million in school construction. Of the amount approved, \$2.2 million qualifies for state funds. However, some of the ballots explained that the State of New Jersey is currently not releasing funding for school facilities projects, so the local board decided to pursue the project without seeking state aid.

The Annual School Election is one of 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 Sept. 27.

Results of the April 27 school construction questions are below.

New Jersey School Construction Referendum Results

Wednesday, April 27, 2011

STATEWIDE

Total amount requested – \$20,840,950 (\$50,803,083 requested)

Amount eligible for state reimbursement – \$2,207,310

BURLINGTON COUNTY

Riverside Township – Approved

Install bleachers and related work at Riverside High School.

Total amount – \$750,000

CAPE MAY COUNTY

Upper Township – Rejected

Renovations to the Upper Township Primary and Upper Township Middle schools

Total amount – \$15,918,369

Amount eligible for state reimbursement – \$6,367,348

ESSEX COUNTY

Nutley – Rejected

Install solar panels, new security systems and technology upgrades in all seven district schools.

Total amount – \$7,000,014

MORRIS COUNTY

Pequannock Township – Approved

Improvements to the track and fields at Pequannock High School.

Total amount – \$2,000,000

OCEAN COUNTY

Jackson Township – Rejected

Install solar panels at high school, including any necessary related repairs.

Total amount – \$7,043,750

Amount eligible for state reimbursement – \$2,817,500

PASSAIC COUNTY

Ringwood – Approved

Renovate and expand the Hewitt School, including roof, boilers and HVAC, electrical, technology, and other interior and exterior repairs.

Total amount – \$11,195,950

SALEM COUNTY

Penns Grove-Carneys Point Regional – Approved

Improvements to the science labs and auditorium at the Penns Grove High School. The amount to be covered locally will be allocated from funds already available in the district's reserve accounts.

Total amount – \$3,000,000

Amount eligible for state reimbursement – \$2,207,310

SUSSEX COUNTY

Wallkill Valley Regional – Approved

Install solar panels at the high school.

Total amount – \$3,895,000

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