

## PRESS RELEASE

### **Voters Approve One of Five School Construction Proposals**

TRENTON, March 14, 2012—Voters approved one of the five school construction proposals on the ballot Tuesday, the New Jersey School Boards Association reported today.

In Monmouth County, Little Silver voters approved a \$1 million proposal for an addition to an elementary school. However, voters rejected school construction proposals in Absecon and Galloway Township in Atlantic County, Sparta in Sussex County, and Waterford Township in Camden County.

A total of \$24.56 million in school construction proposals was on the ballot among all five districts.

Some of the rejected proposals included construction to replace roofs and upgrade aging school facilities. In the case of one district, Waterford Township, three-fourths of the proposed construction was to fix problems caused a shutdown of the district due to a mold infestation, according to the district's website.

However, none of the proposed projects would have received state aid. Three proposals specifically noted that the school board did not seek state aid because the state was not approving aid for capital projects, and the remaining two proposals were not eligible for state reimbursement.

Details of the March 13 school construction proposals are below.

### **New Jersey School Construction Referendum Results – Tuesday, March 13, 2012**

#### ***Statewide***

**Total amount approved – \$1,000,000 (\$24,562,005 requested)**

#### ***Atlantic County***

**Absecon – Rejected**

Renovations to an elementary school and a middle school (bathrooms, lighting, carpet and floors, fire alarm and technology upgrades).

Total amount: \$2,746,505

### **Galloway Township – Rejected**

Roof and fire alarm replacement in three elementary schools; storm water system and parking lot reconstruction at an elementary school.

Total amount: \$6,982,500

## **Camden County**

### **Waterford Township – Rejected**

Renovations to three elementary schools, including new roofs at two schools; new HVAC equipment at all three schools; a new well; flooring replacement; and other health, safety and security purchases.

Total amount: \$9,250,000

## **Monmouth County**

### **Little Silver – Approved**

Construct an addition to an elementary school.

Total amount: \$1,000,000 (of which \$250,000 will come from an existing capital reserve fund)

## **Sussex County**

### **Sparta – Rejected**

Athletic field improvements, including the installation of synthetic fields and track, grandstand, sound systems, scoreboard and other equipment.

Total amount: \$4,583,000

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