

Illinois School Referenda Results—2007 Consolidated Election

There were 79 referenda introduced by 71 Illinois school districts in the April 17, 2007, consolidated election. These school referenda are sorted into three general types: tax, bond, and miscellaneous; and each is further categorized into several more detailed categories, such as building/construction, offices/boards/commissions, school/education, consolidation, etc. At times a referendum may be related to multiple categories. In these situations, the referendum is placed in only one category that best fits the referendum.

Among the 79 referenda, 28 are tax referenda, and they are all in one category: school/education, 40 bond referenda are sorted further into 4 categories, 30 into build/construct, 8 in school/education, and tax and miscellaneous categories each have 1 referendum. The 11 miscellaneous types of referenda are sorted into six categories ranging from boundary change to offices/boards/commissions. A summary of results, obtained on April 18, 2007, from participating school districts and county election departments, is listed in the following table.

SCHOOL REFERENDA RESULTS—CONSOLIDATED ELECTION, April 17, 2007						
Referendum Type	Category	Failed		Passed		Total
		#	%	#	%	
Tax	School/Education	16	57	12	43	28
	Subtotal	16	57	12	43	28
Bond	Build/Construct	13	43	17	57	30
	School/Education	2	25	6	75	8
	Tax	0		1	100	1
	Miscellaneous	0		1	100	1
	Subtotal	15	37	25	63	40
Miscellaneous	Offices/Boards/Commissions	1	20	4	80	5
	School/Education	1	100	0		1
	Boundary Change	1	100	0		1
	Build/Construct	0		1	100	1
	Consolidation	0		1	100	1
	Miscellaneous	2	100	0		2
	Subtotal	5	45	6	55	11
Grand Total		36	46	43	54	79

Overall, 54 percent of the 79 referenda passed. The bond referenda fared better than others, with a 63 percent passing rate. However, voters did not approve 57 percent of the tax referenda in this election.

Detailed descriptions of all the school referenda, participating schools, and the voting results follow.

For further information on this report, please contact the Data Analysis and Progress Reporting Division at 217/782-3950.

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Government Unit Name	Jurisdiction	Referenda Type	Category	Result	Description
Antioch Community Consolidated School District 34	LAKE	Bond	Build/Construct	F	Shall the Board of Education of Antioch Community Consolidated School District 34, Lake County, improve sites for school purposes, and issue bonds to \$46,950,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?
Ashton-Franklin Community Unit School District 275	LEE, OGLE	Tax	School/Education	F	Shall the maximum annual tax rate for educational purposes for Ashton-Franklin Center Community School District 275, Lee and Ogle counties, be increased for 4 years to 3.50% upon all taxable property?
Atwood Hammond Community School District 39	CHAMPAIGN, DOUGLAS, MOULTRIE, PIATT	Bond	School/Education	P	Shall the Board of Education of Atwood-Hammond Community Unit School District 39, Piatt, Douglas, Moultrie, and Champaign counties, be authorized to issue \$600,000 bonds for a working cash fund?
Atwood Heights School District 125	COOK	Tax	School/Education	P	Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for Atwood Heights School District Number 125, Cook County, be increased for levy years 2006-2009?
Aurora West School District 129	CITY OF AURORA, KANE	Tax	School/Education	P	Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for Aurora West School District 129, Kane County, be increased .50% for levy year 2005, and 3.52739% for levy years 2007-2010?
Barrington Community School District 220	COOK, KANE, LAKE, McHENRY	Bond	Build/Construct	P	Shall the Board of Education of Barrington Community School District 220, Lake, Cook, Kane, and McHenry Counties, repair the athletic stadium and issue bonds to \$4,400,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?
Barrington Community Unit School District 220	COOK, KANE, LAKE, McHENRY	Bond	Build/Construct	F	Shall the Board of Education of Barrington Community Unit School District 220, Lake, Cook, Kane, and McHenry Counties, purchase the Health World Museum to alter/repair for early childhood education, and issue bonds to \$15,900,000 for the purpose thereof?
Barry West Pike Community School	ADAMS, PIKE	Tax	School/Education	P	Shall a combined Barry West Pike Community Unit School District, with the authority to levy taxes at a rate of 2.1251% for educational purposes, 0.5000% for operations, and 0.2000% for transportation, be established?
Batavia Community School District 101	CITY OF AURORA, KANE	Bond	Build/Construct	P	Shall the Board of Education of Batavia Community School District 101, Kane County, acquire a site, construct and build, equip additions, and issue bonds to \$75,000,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?
Belvidere Community Unit School District 100	BOONE, DeKALB, McHENRY	Tax	School/Education	F	Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for Belvidere Community School District 100, Boone, McHenry, and DeKalb counties, be increased by an additional amount equal to .35%?
Bensenville Elementary School District 2	DuPAGE	Bond	Build/Construct	F	Shall the Board of Education of Bensenville Elementary School District 2, DuPage County, issue bonds in the amount of \$40,000,000 for the purpose of repairing Blackhawk Middle School, and build two new elementary school buildings?
Berwyn North School District 98	COOK	Miscellaneous	Offices/Boards/ Commissions	P	Shall the offices of Township Treasurer and Trustee of Schools of Township 39 North, Range 13 East be abolished?
Big Hollow School District 38	LAKE	Bond	School/Education	F	Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for Big Hollow School District 38, Lake County, be increased an additional amount equal to .75% for levy years 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010?
Bradley-Bourbonnais Community Unit School District 307	KANKAKEE	Bond	Build/Construct	F	Shall the Board of Education of Bradley-Bourbonnais Community School District 307, Kankakee County, repair, replace, and upgrade basic buildings and issue bonds to \$41,655,000 for said purposes?
Butler School District 53	DuPAGE	Bond	Build/Construct	F	Shall the Board of Education of Butler School District 53 issue bonds in the amount of \$12,885,000 for the purpose of building and equip additions to the Brook Forest Elementary and Butler Jr. High School buildings?
Casey Westfield Community School District C-4	CLARK, COLES, CRAWFORD, CUMBERLAND, JASPER	Bond	Build/Construct	P	Shall the Board of Education of Casey-Westfield Community School District C-4, Clark, Cumberland, Crawford, Coles, and Jasper counties, build, alter, repair, and improve the school site and issue bonds to the amount of \$5,600,000?
Central School District 51	TAZEWELL	Tax	School/Education	P	Shall the limiting rate for Central School District 51, Tazewell County, be increased to 0.25% above the limiting rate for levy year 2005 and equal to 2.0063% of the taxable property therein for levy year 2007?
Central School District 51	TAZEWELL	Bond	Build/Construct	P	Shall the Board of Education of Central School District 51 build and equip a school building, and improve the site thereof, and issue bonds to the amount of \$11,800,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?
Cicero Public School District 99	COOK	Miscellaneous	Offices/Boards/ Commissions	P	Shall the offices of Township Treasurer and Trustee of Schools of Township 39 North, Range 13 East, be abolished?
Clay City Community School District 10	CLAY, RICHLAND, WAYNE	Miscellaneous	School/Education	F	Shall the Board of Education of Community Unit School District 10, Clay, Richland, and Wayne counties, be authorized to deactivate the Clay City High School?
Community Unit School District 16	MORGAN, SANGAMON	Bond	Build/Construct	P	Shall the Board of Education of Community Unit School District 16, Sangamon and Morgan counties, build, equip and improve school buildings and issue bonds to \$13,700,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?

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DuPage High School District 88	DuPAGE	Bond	Build/Construct	P	Shall bonds in the amount of \$104,700,000 be issued to build, equip, alter, and repair the Addison Trail High School and the Willowbrook High School buildings?
East Aurora School District 131	CITY OF AURORA, KANE	Tax	School/Education	F	Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for East Aurora School District 131, Kane County, be increased by .75% for levy year 2005, and 3.664% of the value of taxable property for levy years 2007-2010?
Edwardsville Community Unit School District 7	MADISON	Bond	Build/Construct	P	Shall the Board of Education of Edwardsville Community Unit School District 7, Madison County, acquire, improve, build, and equip school buildings and issue bonds to \$58.3 million for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?
Elementary School District 159	COOK	Tax	School/Education	F	Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for Elementary School District Number 159, Cook County, Illinois, be increased for levy years 2006-2009?
Elementary School District 159	COOK	Bond	School/Education	P	Shall the Board of Education of Elementary School District Number 159, Cook County, Illinois, be authorized to issue \$24,750,000 bonds for the purpose of paying claims against said school district?
Franklin Park School District 84	COOK	Bond	Tax	P	Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for Franklin Park School District Number 84, Cook County, be for levy years 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009?
Geneva Community School District 304	KANE	Bond	Build/Construct	P	Shall the Board of Education of Geneva Community School District 304, Kane County, build, equip two new elementary school buildings, improve existing buildings, and issue bonds to \$79,990,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?
Germantown School District 60	CLINTON	Tax	School/Education	F	Shall the maximum annual tax rate for educational purposes for Germantown School District 60, Clinton County, be increased and established at 1.17% upon all the taxable property of said school district?
Glen Ellyn School District 41	DuPAGE	Bond	Build/Construct	F	Shall the Board of Education of Glen Ellyn School District 41, DuPage County, issue bonds to the amount of \$40,000,000 to improve the site of, demolish, build, and equip buildings of said district?
Harrisburg Community Unit School District 3	SALINE	Bond	School/Education	F	Shall the Board of Education of Harrisburg Community Unit School District 3, Saline County, be authorized to issue not more than \$1,000,000 bonds for a working cash fund?
Hartsburg Emden Community Unit School District 21	LOGAN, TAZEWELL	Tax	School/Education	P	Shall the limiting rate for Hartsburg Emden Community Unit School District 21, Logan and Tazewell counties, be increased .30% above the limiting rate for levy year 2005 and equal to 5.8581% of the assessed value of taxable property for levy year 2007?
Homer Community Consolidated School District 33C	WILL	Bond	Build/Construct	F	A proposition to issue \$25,600,000 school building bonds.
Joliet Township High School District 204	WILL	Bond	Build/Construct	P	A proposition to issue \$24,000,000 school building bonds.
Kaneland Community Unit School District 302	CITY OF AURORA, DeKALB, KANE	Bond	Build/Construct	F	Shall the Board of Education of Kaneland Community Unit School District 302, Kane and DeKalb counties, build and equip a new middle school and issue bonds to \$53,200,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?
Kenilworth School District 38	COOK	Tax	School/Education	P	Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for Kenilworth School District 38, Cook County, Illinois, be increased for levy year 2007?
Kenilworth School District 38	COOK	Bond	Build/Construct	P	Shall the Board of Education of Kenilworth School District 38, Cook County, Illinois, improve the site of, build and equip additions to school buildings, and issue bonds to \$8,250,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?
Lake Bluff School District 65	LAKE	Bond	Build/Construct	P	Shall the Board of Education of Lake Bluff School District 65, Lake County, build and equip a new elementary school building and issue bonds to \$24,400,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?
Lockport Township High School District 205	WILL	Bond	Build/Construct	F	A proposition to issue \$125,700,000 school building bonds.
Maroa Forsyth Community School District 2	DeWITT, MACON	Miscellaneous	Build/Construct	P	Shall the Board of Education of Maroa Forsyth Community Unit School District 2, Macon and DeWitt counties, Illinois, build and equip a new school building?
Minooka Community School District 201	GRUNDY, KENDALL, WILL	Bond	Build/Construct	F	Shall the Board of Education of Minooka Community School District 201, Grundy, Kendall and Will counties, issue bonds to the amount of \$53,000,000 to build and equip a new school building, and add additions to the Minooka Elementary School Building?
Monroe Elementary School District 70	PEORIA	Tax	School/Education	P	Shall the maximum authorized annual tax rate for the Educational Purposes fund of Monroe Elementary School District 70, Peoria County, be established at 1.940% on the value of taxable property located in the said school district?
Mt. Vernon Township High School District 201	JEFFERSON	Bond	Build/Construct	F	Shall the Board of Education of Mt. Vernon Township High School District 201, Jefferson County, improve a school site, build and equip a new high school, and issue bonds to \$16,000,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?

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Nauvoo Colusa School District 325	HANCOCK	Tax	School/Education	F	Shall the maximum annual tax rate for educational purposes of Nauvoo Colusa School District 325, Hancock County, be increased and established at 2.65% upon all taxable property of said school district?
Oak Lawn High School 229	COOK	Tax	School/Education	P	Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Law for Oak Lawn High School District 229 be increased for levy years 2006-2009?
Oak Park School District 97	COOK	Miscellaneous	Offices/Boards/Commissions	P	Shall the offices of Township Treasurer and Trustee of Schools of Township 39 North, Range 13 East, be abolished?
O'Fallon Township High School District 203	ST. CLAIR	Bond	Build/Construct	P	Shall the Board of Education of O'Fallon Township High School District 203, St. Clair County, build and equip a ninth grade attendance center and issue bonds to \$37,500,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?
Ohio Consolidated School District 17	BUREAU, LEE	Miscellaneous	Miscellaneous	F	We, as members of Ohio Consolidated School District #17, do not want the proposed geothermal heating system project carried any further.
Ohio School District 505	BUREAU, LEE	Miscellaneous	Miscellaneous	F	We, as members of Ohio School District #505, do not want the proposed geothermal heating system project carried any further.
Olympia Community Unit School District 16	DeWITT, LOGAN, McLEAN, TAZEWELL, WOODFORD	Bond	Build/Construct	P	Shall the Board of Education of Olympia Unit School District 16, McLean, Woodford, DeWitt, Logan and Tazewell counties, build, equip buildings, and issue bonds to \$12,700,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?
Olympia Community Unit School District 16	DeWITT, LOGAN, McLEAN, TAZEWELL, WOODFORD	Tax	School/Education	P	Shall the maximum annual tax rate for education purposes of Olympia Community Unit School District 16, McLean, DeWitt, Logan, Tazewell and Woodford counties, be increased and established at 2.90% instead of 2.40%?
Park Ridge Community Consolidated School District 64	COOK	Tax	School/Education	P	Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for Park Ridge Community Consolidated School District 64, Cook County, Illinois, be increased for levy years 2006-2007?
Peru Elementary School District 124	LaSALLE	Bond	School/Education	P	Shall the Board of Education of Peru Elementary School District 124, LaSalle County, acquire, construct, and install a new middle school and issue bonds to the amount of \$19,500,000 for such purposes?
Polo Community Unit School District 222	LEE, OGLE, WHITESIDE	Miscellaneous	Offices/Boards/Commissions	F	Shall the Board of Education of Polo Community Unit School District 222, Ogle, Lee and Whiteside counties, be elected at large and without restriction within said school district?
Prairie Hill Community Consolidated School District 133	WINNEBAGO	Bond	Build/Construct	F	Shall the Board of Education of Prairie Hill Community Consolidated School District 133, Winnebago County, improve, build, and equip the existing elementary school and issue bonds to \$13,900,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?
Ridgeland School District 122	COOK	Tax	School/Education	F	Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for Ridgeland School District Number 122, Cook County, Illinois, be increased to 3.008 of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property therein for levy year 2007?
Ridgeland School District 122	COOK	Tax	School/Education	F	Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for Ridgeland School District 122, Cook County, Illinois, be increased for levy year 2007?
Ridgewood Community High School 234	COOK	Tax	School/Education	F	Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for Ridgewood Community High School District 234, Cook County, be increased for levy years 2006 and 2007?
Riverview Community School District 2	WOODFORD	Tax	School/Education	F	Shall the maximum authorized annual tax rate for Special Education Programs of Riverview Community School District 2, Woodford County, be established at .12% on the assessed value of taxable property located in said school district?
Saratoga Community Consolidated School District 60-C	GRUNDY, KENDALL	Bond	Build/Construct	P	Shall the Board of Education of Saratoga Community Consolidated School District 60-C, Grundy and Kendall counties, issue bonds to the amount of \$11,960,000 for building additional classrooms and other improvements of said school?
Schiller Park School District 81	COOK	Tax	School/Education	F	Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for Schiller Park School District 81, Cook County, be increased for levy years 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009?
Schiller Park School District 81	COOK	Bond	Build/Construct	F	Shall the Board of Education of Schiller Park School District 81, Cook County, Illinois, build and equip a new middle school and issue bonds of said school district to the amount of \$19,700,000?
Shiloh Community Unit School District 1	DOUGLAS, EDGAR	Miscellaneous	Boundary Changes	F	Shall the unserved territory of Shiloh Community Unit School District 1, Douglas and Edgar counties, be annexed to the Newman Regional Library District, Douglas County?
South Berwyn School District 100	COOK	Miscellaneous	Offices/Boards/Commissions	P	Shall the offices of Township Treasurer and Trustee of Schools of Township 39 North, Range 13 East, be abolished?

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South Pekin School District 137	TAZEWELL	Bond	School/Education	P	Shall the Board of Education of South Pekin School District 137, Tazewell County, be authorized to issue \$150,000 bonds for a working cash fund?
Sterling Community Unit School District 5	LEE, WHITESIDE	Tax	School/Education	F	Shall the maximum annual tax rate for educational purposes for Community Unit School District 5, Whiteside and Lee counties, be increased from 2.59% to a maximum of 3.09% upon all taxable property of said school district?
Sunnybrook School District 171	COOK	Tax	School/Education	F	Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for Sunnybrook School District 171, Cook County, Illinois, be increased for levy year 2006?
Sycamore Community Unit School District 427	DeKALB, KANE	Bond	Build/Construct	P	Shall the Board of Education of Sycamore Community School District 427, DeKalb and Kane counties, improve, build, and equip school buildings and issue bonds to the amount of \$30,000,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?
Taft School District 90	WILL	Tax	School/Education	F	A proposition to increase the Limiting Tax Rate.
Thompsonville Grade & Community School District	FRANKLIN, HAMILTON	Miscellaneous	Consolidation	P	Shall Thompsonville Grade School District 62 and Thompsonville Community High School District 112 establish a Community School District?
Thompsonville Grade School District 62	FRANKLIN, HAMILTON	Tax	School/Education	P	Shall a unit district levy taxes at the rate of Education Fund 2.00%, Operations/Maintenance 0.05%, Transportation 0.24%, etc., each upon all of the taxable property of the district?
Thornton School District 154	COOK	Tax	School/Education	F	Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for Thornton School District 154, Cook County, Illinois, be increased for levy year 2006?
Troy Community Consolidated School District 30-C	WILL	Bond	Build/Construct	P	A proposition to issue \$20,000,000 school building bonds.
Vandalia Community Unit School District 203	FAYETTE, MONTGOMERY	Bond	Miscellaneous	P	Shall the Board of Education of Vandalia Community Unit School District 203, Fayette and Montgomery counties, be authorized to issue \$1,700,000 bonds for a working cash fund?
Vandalia Community Unit School District 203	FAYETTE, MONTGOMERY	Bond	School/Education	P	Shall the Board of Education of Vandalia Community Unit School District 203, Fayette and Montgomery counties, be authorized to issue \$550,000 bonds for the purpose of paying claims against said school?
Virginia Community Unit School District 64	CASS, MORGAN	Bond	School/Education	P	Shall the Board of Education of Virginia Community Unit School District 64, Cass and Morgan counties, be authorized to issue \$645,000 bonds for a working cash fund?
Warren Township High School District 121	LAKE	Tax	School/Education	F	Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for Warren Township High School District 121, Lake County, be increased an additional amount equal to 1.62% of the assessed value of the taxable property for levy years 2007-2010?
Wethersfield Community Unit School District 230	BUREAU, HENRY, STARK	Tax	School/Education	P	Shall the maximum annual tax rate for educational purposes of Wethersfield Community Unit School District 230, counties of Henry, Bureau, and Stark, be increased and established at 2.60% on the full fair cash value of taxable property?
Winnetka School District 36	COOK	Bond	Build/Construct	P	Shall the Board of Education of Winnetka School District 36, Cook County, Illinois, build and equip school buildings and issue bonds to \$47,290,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?
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