

Illinois School Referenda Results—2008 Primary Election

There were 39 referenda introduced by 35 Illinois school districts in the February 5, 2008, primary election. These school referenda are sorted into three general types: tax, bond, and miscellaneous; and each type is further sorted into several more detailed categories, such as build/construct, operation/maintenance, office terms/size, school/education, boundary changes, etc. The Illinois State Board of Education has provided the school tax, bond, and miscellaneous referenda categories for easy reference.

Among the 39 referenda, 14 are tax referenda in operations/maintenance and school/education; 20 bond referenda are sorted further into three categories: 18 in build/construct and 1 each in financing/funding and miscellaneous. The five miscellaneous types of referenda are sorted into three categories: school/education, office terms/size, and boundary changes. A summary of results, obtained on February 6, 2008, from participating school districts and county election boards, is listed in the following table.

SCHOOL REFERENDA RESULTS—PRIMARY ELECTION, February 5, 2008						
Referendum Type	Category	Failed		Passed		Total
		#	%	#	%	
Tax	School/Education	10	83	2	17	12
	Operation/Maintenance	2	100	0		2
	Subtotal	12	86	2	14	14
Bond	Build/Construct	5	28	13	72	18
	Financing/Funding	0		1	100	1
	Miscellaneous	0		1	100	1
	Subtotal	5	25	15	75	20
Miscellaneous	Office Term/Size	0		2	100	2
	School/Education	0		2	100	2
	Boundary Changes	0		1	100	1
	Subtotal	0		5	100	5
Grand Total		17	44	22	56	39

Overall, 56 percent of the 39 referenda passed. The bond referenda fared better than the tax referenda, with a 75 percent passing rate. Voters did not approve 86 percent of the tax referenda in this election. Detailed descriptions of all the school referenda, participating school districts, and the voting results follow.

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

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District Name/ RCDT Code	County	Referenda Type	Category	Result	Description
Ashton-Franklin Center Community Unit School District 275 47 052 2750 26	LEE	Tax	School/Education	Failed	Shall the maximum annual tax rate for educational purposes for Ashton-Franklin Center Community Unit School District 275, Lee and Ogle counties, be increased for a limited period of 4 years to 3.50% upon all taxable property of said school district?
Big Hollow School District 38 34 049 0380 02	LAKE	Bond	Financing/Funding	Passed	Shall the Board of Education of Big Hollow School District 38, Lake County, be authorized to issue \$10,000,000 bonds for a working cash fund as provided for by Article 20 of the School Code?
Cass School District 63 19 022 0630 02	DuPAGE	Tax	School/Education	Failed	Shall the limiting rate for Cass School District 63, DuPage County, be increased to .30% above the limiting rate for levy year 2006 and equal to 2.2864% of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property for levy year 2007?
Chaney-Monge School District 88 56 099 0880 02	WILL	Bond	Build/Construct	Failed	Shall the Board of Education of Chaney-Monge School District 88, Will County, build an addition to, alter, repair and improve the site thereof and issue bonds of said School District to the amount of \$1,500,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?
Community Consolidated School District 180 19 022 1800 04	DuPAGE	Tax	School/Education	Failed	Shall the limiting rate for Community Consolidated School District 180, DuPage and Cook counties, be increased .3295% above the limiting rate for levy year 2006 and equal to 1.9435% of the equalized assessed value of taxable property for levy year 2008?
Community Consolidated School District 89 19 022 0890 04	DuPAGE	Bond	Build/Construct	Passed	Shall the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 89, DuPage County, improve district buildings, upgrade HVAC systems, remove asbestos, and issue bonds to the amount of \$24,800,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?
Community Unit School District 200 19 022 2000 26	DuPAGE	Bond	Build/Construct	Passed	Shall the Board of Education of Community Unit School District 200, DuPage County, acquire and improve a school site and equip a new Hubble Middle School and issue bonds to the amount of \$58,000,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?

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Community Unit School District 316 26 034 3160 26	HANCOCK	Miscellaneous	School/Education	Passed	Shall the Board of Education of Community Unit School District 316, Hancock County, be authorized to deactivate the Warsaw Jr. High School Facility and send its pupils from grades 7 and 8 to Nauvoo-Colusa Community School District 325?
Community Unit School District 325 26 034 3250 26	HANCOCK	Miscellaneous	School/Education	Passed	Shall the Board of Education of Community Unit School District 325, Hancock County, be authorized to deactivate the Nauvoo-Colusa High School Facility and send its pupils from grades 9-12 to Warsaw Community Unit School District 316?
Country Club Hills School District 160 14 016 1600 02	COOK	Bond	Miscellaneous	Passed	Shall the Board of Education of Country Club Hills School District 160, Cook County, be authorized to issue \$8,000,000 bonds for the purpose of paying claims against said School District?
DeKalb Community Unit School District 428 16 019 4280 26	DeKALB	Bond	Build/Construct	Passed	Shall the Board of Education of DeKalb Community Unit School District 428, DeKalb County, repair school buildings and build an elementary school and issue bonds to the amount of \$110,000,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?
Durand Community Unit School 322 04 101 3220 26	WINNEBAGO	Miscellaneous	Office Term/Size	Passed	Shall the members of the Board of Education of Durand Community Unit School District 322, Winnebago and Stephenson counties, be elected at large and without restriction by area of residence within said School District?
Elementary School District 159 14 016 1590 02	COOK	Tax	School/Education	Failed	Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for Elementary School District Number 159, Cook County, be increased by an additional amount equal to 0.15% above the limiting rate for levy year 2006?
Flanagan Community Unit School District 4 17 053 0040 26	LIVINGSTON	Miscellaneous	Boundary Changes	Passed	Shall a combined high school unit district be formed from all of the territory included within Cornell Community High School District 70 and Flanagan Community Unit School District 4?
Germantown School District 60 13 014 0600 02	CLINTON	Tax	School/Education	Failed	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?

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Granite City Community Unit School District 9 41 057 0090 26	MADISON	Bond	Build/Construct	Failed	Shall the Board of Education of Granite City Community Unit School District 9, Madison County, build, equip, and repair school buildings of said School District and issue bonds to the amount of \$22,000,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?
Grant Community High School District 124 34 049 1240 16	LAKE	Bond	Build/Construct	Passed	Shall the Board of Education of Grant Community High School District 124, Lake County, build a classroom addition, improve the site thereof, and issue bonds to the amount of \$38,500,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?
Homer Community Consolidated School District 33C 56 099 033C 04	WILL	Bond	Build/Construct	Failed	Shall the Board of Education of Homer Consolidated School District Number 33-C, Will County, build an elementary school and an addition to the William J. Butler Elementary School and issue bonds to \$25,725,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?
Iroquois West Community Unit School District 10 32 038 0100 26	IROQUOIS	Tax	Operation/ Maintenance	Failed	Shall the Board of Education of Iroquois West Community School District 10, Iroquois and Ford counties, levy taxes upon all the taxable property at a rate sufficient to accumulate funds in the said School District's operations and maintenance fund?
Iroquois West Community Unit School District 10 32 038 0100 26	IROQUOIS	Tax	Operation/ Maintenance	Failed	Shall the maximum annual tax rate for operations and maintenance purposes of Iroquois West Community School District 10, Iroquois and Ford counties, be increased and established at .75% upon all taxable property of said School District?
Kaneland Community Unit School District 302 31 045 3020 26	KANE	Bond	Build/Construct	Passed	Shall the Board of Education of Kaneland Community Unit School District 302, Kane and DeKalb counties, build a new middle school and repair the Kaneland Middle School and issue bonds to the amount of \$65,000,000 for the purpose of paying the cost thereof?
Lockport Township High School District 205 56 099 2050 17	WILL	Bond	Build/Construct	Failed	Shall the Board of Education of Township High School District 205, Will County, build & equip a new high school and addition to the existing East Campus High School and issue bonds to the amount of \$153,790,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?

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Marengo Union Elementary Consolidated School District 165 44 063 1650 03	McHENRY	Tax	School/Education	Failed	A proposition to increase the limiting rate by an additional 0.53% above the limiting rate for levy year 2006 and equal to 2.387% of equalized assessed value of taxable property for levy years 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010?
Minooka Community Consolidated School District 201 24 032 2010 04	GRUNDY	Bond	Build/Construct	Passed	Shall the Board of Education of Minooka CCSD 201, Grundy, Kendall, and Will counties, build school buildings and repair Minooka Elementary and Intermediate School buildings, and issue bonds to the amount of \$54,865,315 to pay the costs thereof?
Momence Community Unit School District 1 32 046 0010 26	KANKAKEE	Miscellaneous	Office Term/Size	Passed	Shall the members of the Board of Education of Momence Community Unit School District 1, Kankakee County, be elected at large and without restriction by area of residence within the school district?
Mundelein Elementary School District 75 34 049 0750 02	LAKE	Bond	Build/Construct	Passed	Shall the Board of Education of Mundelein Elementary School District 75, Lake County, repair the school buildings of said school district and issue bonds of said district to the amount of \$6,600,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?
Mundelein Elementary School District 75 34 049 0750 02	LAKE	Bond	Build/Construct	Passed	Shall the Board of Education of Mundelein Elementary School District 75, Lake County, air condition the school buildings of the school district and issue bonds to the amount of \$3,300,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?
Naperville Community Unit School District 203 19 022 2030 26	DuPAGE	Bond	Build/Construct	Passed	Shall the Board of Education of Naperville CUSD 203, DuPage and Will counties, build additions and repair Naperville Central High School, Mill Street Elementary School, and Naperville North High School, and issue bonds to the amount \$43,000,000?
Normal Community Unit School District 5 17 064 0050 26	McLEAN	Tax	School/Education	Passed	Shall the maximum annual tax rate for educational purposes for Normal Community Unit School District 5, McLean and Woodford counties, be increased and established at 2.72% instead of 2.62% upon all taxable property of said District?

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Normal Community Unit School District 5 17 064 0050 26	McLEAN	Bond	Build/Construct	Passed	Shall the Board of Education of Normal Community Unit School District 5, McLean and Woodford counties, build a new junior high and two elementary school buildings and issue bonds to the amount of \$96,700,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?
Peotone Community Unit School District 207-U 56 099 207U 26	WILL	Bond	Build/Construct	Failed	Shall the Board of Education of Peotone Community Unit School District 207-U, Will and Kankakee counties, build and equip a new elementary school building and issue bonds to the amount of \$25,000,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?
Quincy School District 172 01 001 1720 22	ADAMS	Tax	School/Education	Failed	Shall the maximum annual tax rate for educational purposes of Quincy School District 172, Adams County, be increased and established at 2.09% on the full, fair cash value of taxable property as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue?
Ridgeland School District 122 14 016 1220 02	COOK	Tax	School/Education	Failed	Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for Ridgeland School District Number 122, Cook County, be increased by an additional amount equal to seven tenths of one percent above the limiting rate for levy year 2006?
Ridgewood Community High School District 234 14 016 2340 16	COOK	Tax	School/Education	Failed	Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for Ridgewood Community High School District Number 234, Cook County, be increased by an additional amount equal to 0.30% above the limiting rate for levy year 2006?
Rochester Community Unit School District 3A 51 084 003A 26	SANGAMON	Bond	Build/Construct	Passed	Shall the Board of Education of Rochester Community Unit School District 3A, Sangamon and Christian counties, build and equip a new middle school building and issue its bonds to the amount of \$26,000,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?
Rock Island School District 41 49 081 0410 25	ROCK ISLAND	Bond	Build/Construct	Passed	Shall the Board of Education of Rock Island School District 41, Rock Island County, build and equip a new school building and repair and equip existing school buildings and issue bonds to the amount of \$22,000,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?

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Schiller Park School District 81 14 016 0810 02	COOK	Bond	Build/Construct	Passed	Shall the Board of Education of Schiller Park School District Number 81, Cook County, build and equip a new middle school and issue bonds of said School District to the amount of \$22,300,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?
Schiller Park School District 81 14 016 0810 02	COOK	Tax	School/Education	Passed	Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for Schiller Park School District Number 81, Cook County, be increased by an additional amount equal to .41% above the limiting rate for levy year 2006?
School District 104 14 016 1040 02	COOK	Tax	School/Education	Failed	Shall the limiting rate for School District Number 104, Cook County, be increased by an additional amount equal to 0.60% above the limiting rate for levy year 2006?