

ILLINOIS SCHOOL REFERENDA RESULTS—2011 CONSOLIDATED ELECTION

There were 39 referenda introduced by 48 Illinois school districts during the April 5, 2011, consolidated election. These school referenda are sorted into three types: tax, bond, and miscellaneous. Each type is further sorted into one of the following categories: tax rate, build/construct, working cash, bond rate, consolidation, office term/size, or reopen school.

Among the 39 referenda, 14 are tax referenda, all dealing with increasing the local property tax cap for education. Twelve of the seventeen bond referenda are in the build/construct category, four are bond issuance for working cash, and one is in the bond rate category. More than half of the eight miscellaneous referenda address district consolidation, two propose that school board members be elected at large, and one asks for voters' approval to reopen a high school. The following table provides a summary of results obtained on April 6, 2011, from participating school districts.

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Referendum Type	Description	Failed		Passed		Total
		#	%	#	%	
Tax	Tax Rate	10	71	4	29	14
	<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>71</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>14</i>
Bond	Build/Construct	7	58	5	42	12
	Working Cash	3	75	1	25	4
	Bond Rate	—	—	1	100	1
	<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>59</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>17</i>
Miscellaneous	Consolidation	2	40	3	60	5
	Office Term/Size	1	50	1	50	2
	Reopen School	—	—	1	100	1
	<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>62</i>	<i>8</i>
Grand Total		23	59	16	41	39

Overall, 16 of the 39 referenda passed and 23 did not. Voters approved four of the fourteen tax referenda and seven of the seventeen bond referenda in this election. Of the eight miscellaneous referenda, five passed and three did not. Detailed descriptions of these school referenda, participating school districts and voting results follow.

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DISTRICT NAME	DISTRICT CODE/COUNTY	REFERENDA TYPE	CATEGORY	RESULT	DESCRIPTION
Pontiac Township High School District 90	17-053-0900-17 Livingston	Bond	Build/Construct	Fail	Shall the Board of Education of Pontiac Township High School District 90, Livingston County, Illinois, alter, repair, equip, and improve the site of Pontiac High School building and issue bonds of said school district to the amount of \$5,700,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?
A-C Central Community Unit School District 262, Virginia Community Unit School District 64	46-009-2620-26 46-009-0640-26 Cass, Menard, Morgan, Sangamon	Miscellaneous	Consolidation	Fail	Shall a new community unit school district be created in the territory comprising the entire territories of A-C Central Community Unit School District 262, counties of Sangamon, Menard, Cass, and Morgan; and Virginia Community Unit School District 64, counties of Cass and Morgan, in the state of Illinois, the Board of Education of which district shall be elected at large, and with the authority to levy taxes at the rate of 2.85 percent for educational purposes, 0.50 percent for operations and maintenance purposes, 0.20 percent for transportation purposes, and 0.05 percent for fire prevention and safety purposes, each upon the full, fair cash value of all taxable property of the district as equalized or assessed by the Illinois Department of Revenue?
Arbor Park School District 145	17-016-1450-02 Cook	Tax	Tax Rate	Fail	Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for Arbor Park School District 145, Cook County, Illinois, be increased by an additional amount equal to 0.600 percent above the limiting rate for levy year 2009 for school purposes and be equal to 3.149 percent of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property therein for levy year 2010? (1) The approximate amount of taxes extendable at the most recently extended limiting rate is \$6,582,775.29, and the approximate amount of taxes extendable if the proposition is approved is \$8,132,271.24. (2) For the 2010 levy year the approximate amount of the additional tax extendable against property containing a single-family residence and having a fair market value at the time of the referendum of \$100,000 is estimated to be \$60.00. (3) If the proposition is approved, the aggregate extension for 2010 will be determined by the limiting rate set forth in the proposition, rather than the otherwise applicable limiting rate calculated under the provisions of the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (commonly known as the Property Tax Cap Law).
Atwood-Hammond Community Unit School District 39	39-074-0390-26 Champaign, Douglas, Moultrie, Piatt	Tax	Tax Rate	Fail	Shall the maximum annual tax rate for educational purposes of Atwood-Hammond Community Unit School District 39, counties of Piatt, Champaign, Douglas, and Moultrie, state of Illinois, be increased and established at 2.75 percent on full, fair cash value of taxable property as equalized or assessed by the Illinois Department of Revenue, instead of 2.15 percent, the maximum rate otherwise applicable to the next taxes to be extended for said purpose?
Cahokia Community Unit School District 187	50-082-1870-26 St. Clair	Bond	Build/Construct	Fail	Shall the Board of Education of Cahokia Community Unit School District 187, St. Clair County, Illinois, build and equip a new Cahokia Senior High School building at the current location on land now owned by the district and demolish the existing Cahokia Senior High School building, and issue bonds of said school district to the amount of \$50,000,000 for said purpose?

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Earlville Community Unit School District 9	35-050-0090-26 DeKalb, LaSalle, Lee	Tax	Tax Rate	Fail	Shall the maximum rate for the education fund of Earlville Community Unit School District 9; LaSalle, DeKalb, and Lee counties; Illinois; be increased to 4.0 percent of the full, fair cash value of all taxable property of said district as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue of Illinois for such purposes instead of 2.6 percent, the maximum rate otherwise applicable to the next taxes to be extended?
East Alton-Wood River High School District 14, East Alton School District 13, Wood River Hartford District 15	41-057-0140-16 41-057-0130-02 41-057-0150-03 Madison	Miscellaneous	Consolidation	Fail	Shall East Alton-Wood River High School District 14, East Alton School District 13, and Wood River-Hartford School District 15, Madison County, Illinois, be dissolved and a new school district be established as follows: a new community unit school district formed from all of the territory included within East Alton-Wood River High School District 14, East Alton School District 13, and Wood River-Hartford School District 15, Madison County, Illinois, with the authority to levy taxes for various purposes as follows: Education Fund Purposes \$2.15, Operation and Building Maintenance Fund Purposes \$0.57, Transportation Fund Purposes \$0.20, Health Life and Safety Fund Purposes \$0.09, Working Cash Fund Purposes \$0.05, and, Lease Fund Purposes \$0.07, each upon all of the taxable property of the school district at the value thereof, as equalized or assessed by the Illinois Department of Revenue, and a new community unit school district be formed from all of the territory included within East Alton-Wood River High School District 14, East Alton School District 13, and Wood River-Hartford School District 15, Madison County, Illinois?
Gardner-South Wilmington Township High School District 73	24-032-0730-17 Grundy, Kankakee	Bond	Build/Construct	Pass	Shall the Board of Education of Gardner-South Wilmington Township High School District 73, Grundy and Kankakee counties, Illinois, alter, repair, and equip the Gardner-South Wilmington Township High School building, including, without limitation, repairing pipes, windows, and roof, and issue bonds of said school district to the amount of \$670,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?
Grant Community Consolidated School District 110	50-082-1100-04 St. Clair	Tax	Tax Rate	Fail	Shall the maximum tax rate for the tax that Grant Community Consolidated School District 110, St. Clair County, Illinois, levies for educational purposes, be increased by 0.65 percent from the currently authorized rate of 1.42 percent to a rate not to exceed 2.07 percent upon the value of taxable property within the district, as equalized or assessed by the Illinois Department of Revenue, as authorized by Article 17 of the School Code?
Homewood School District 153	07-016-1530-02 Cook	Bond	Working Cash	Pass	Shall the Board of Education of Homewood School District 153, Cook County, Illinois, be authorized to issue \$7,500,000 bonds for a working cash fund, as provided for by Article 20 of the School Code?
Lemont-Bromberek Combined School District 113A	07-016-113A-02 Cook, DuPage	Bond	Working Cash	Fail	Shall the Board of Education of Lemont-Bromberek Combined School District 113A, Cook and DuPage counties, Illinois, be authorized to issue \$20,000,000 bonds for a working cash fund, as provided for by Article 20 of the School Code?

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Lockport Township High School District 205	56-099-2050-17 Will	Bond	Build/Construct	Fail	Shall the Board of Education of Township High School District 205, Will County, Illinois, build and equip a new high school building, improve the site thereof, and issue bonds of said school district to the amount of \$85,000,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?
Lovington Community Unit School District 303, Arthur Community Unit School District 305	11-070-3030-26 11-021-3050-26 Coles, Douglas, Moultrie	Miscellaneous	Consolidation	Pass	Shall the following described territory comprising all of the territory of Lovington Community Unit School District 303 of Moultrie County, Illinois, be annexed to and made a part of Arthur Community Unit School District 305 of Coles, Douglas, and Moultrie counties, Illinois?
McHenry Community High School District 156	44-063-1560-16 Lake, McHenry	Bond	Working Cash	Fail	Shall the Board of Education of McHenry Community High School District 156, McHenry and Lake counties, Illinois, be authorized to issue \$8,000,000 bonds for a working cash fund, as provided for by Article 20 of the School Code?
Medinah Elementary School District 11	19-022-0110-02 DuPage	Bond	Build/Construct	Fail	Shall the Board of Education of Medinah School District 11, DuPage County, Illinois, build and equip an addition to the Medinah Intermediate School building to serve various grades; alter, repair, and equip school buildings of said school district; and issue bonds of said school district to the amount of \$8,000,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?
Meredosia-Chambersburg Community Unit School District 11	46-069-0110-26 Brown, Cass, Morgan, Pike	Miscellaneous	Office Term/Size	Fail	Shall members of the Board of Education of Meredosia-Chambersburg Community Unit School District 11; Brown, Cass, Morgan, and Pike counties; Illinois; be elected at large from within the school district and without restriction by area of residence within the school district?
Mokena School District 159	56-099-1590-02 Will	Tax	Tax Rate	Fail	Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for Mokena School District 159, Will County, Illinois, be increased by an additional amount equal to 0.29 percent above the limiting rate for the purpose of funding increased educational and other school district expenses for levy year 2009 and be equal to 2.4181 percent of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property therein for levy year 2011?
Morton Community Unit School District 709	53-090-7090-26 Tazewell	Bond	Build/Construct	Fail	Shall the Board of Education of Morton Community Unit School District 709, Tazewell County, Illinois, build and equip additions to and alter, repair, and equip the Lettie Brown Elementary School, Ward Grundy Elementary School, and Lincoln Elementary School buildings and improve the sites thereof and issue bonds of said school district to the amount of \$12,500,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?
Mt. Vernon Township High School District 201	25-041-2020-17 Jefferson	Bond	Build/Construct	Pass	Shall the Board of Education of Mt. Vernon Township High School District 201, Jefferson County, Illinois, acquire land; build, furnish, and equip a new 300,000-square-foot, two-story high school building; demolish or dispose of the district's existing school buildings; and issue bonds of said school district in the amount of \$19,800,000 for the purpose of paying the cost thereof?

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Mundelein Consolidated High School District 120	34-049-1200-13 Lake	Bond	Bond Rate	Pass	Shall the debt service extension base under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for Mundelein Consolidated High School District 120, Lake County, Illinois, for payment or principal and interest on limited bonds be increased from \$734,918.50 to \$3,000,000.00 for the 2011 levy year and all subsequent levy years, such debt service extension base to be increased each year by the lesser of 5 percent or the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index during the 12-month calendar year preceding the levy year?
Neponset Community Consolidated School District 307, Kewanee Community Unit School District 229	28-006-3070-24 28-037-2290-26 Bureau, Henry	Miscellaneous	Consolidation	Pass	Shall the following described territory comprising all of the territory of Neponset Community Consolidated School District 307 of Bureau County, Illinois, be annexed to and made a part of Kewanee Community Unit School District 229 of Henry County, Illinois? (Said territory is described as the entire legal territory comprising Neponset Community Consolidated School District 307 of Bureau County, Illinois.)
North Mac Community Unit School District 34	40-056-0340-26 Macoupin, Montgomery, Sangamon	Bond	Build/Construct	Fail	Shall the Board of Education of North Mac Community Unit School District 34; Macoupin, Sangamon, and Montgomery counties; Illinois; build and equip additions to; alter, repair, improve, demolish a portion of, and improve the site of the existing high school building; alter, repair, and equip the South Campus building; and issue bonds of said school district to the amount of \$5,500,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?
North Pekin-Marquette Heights School District 102	53-090-1020-02 Tazewell	Tax	Tax Rate	Pass	Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for North Pekin-Marquette Heights School District 102, county of Tazewell, state of Illinois, be increased by an additional amount equal to .3500 percent above the limiting rate for levy year 2009 and be equal to 2.50094 percent of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property therein for levy years 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013?
Oak Park Elementary School District 97	06-016-0970-02 Cook	Tax	Tax Rate	Pass	Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for Oak Park Elementary School District 97, Cook County, Illinois, be increased by an additional amount equal to .374 percent above the limiting rate for any purpose of said school district for levy year 2009 and be equal to 2.600 percent of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property therein for levy year 2010? 1) The approximate amount of taxes extendable at the most recently extended limiting rate is \$41,049,718 and the approximate amount of taxes extendable if the proposition is approved is \$47,946,660. 2) For the 2010 levy year the approximate amount of the additional tax extendable against property containing a single-family residence and having a fair market value at the time of the referendum of \$100,000 is estimated to be \$37.40. 3) If the proposition is approved, the aggregate extension for 2010 will be determined by the limiting rate set forth in the proposition, rather than the otherwise applicable limiting rate calculated under the provisions of the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (commonly known as the Property Tax Cap Law).

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Odin Elementary School District 122, Odin High School District 700	13-058-1220-02 13-058-7000-16 Marion	Miscellaneous	Consolidation	Pass	Shall a new community unit school district be created in the territory comprising the entire territories of Odin High School District 700, county of Marion, state of Illinois, and Odin Elementary School District 122, county of Marion, state of Illinois, the Board of Education of which district shall be elected by an at-large vote and with the authority to levy taxes, subject to the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law in accordance with Sections 11E-80 of the School Code, each upon the full, fair cash value of all taxable property of the district as equalized or assessed by the Illinois Department of Revenue at the following rates: Education Fund 3.27825 percent, Operations and Maintenance Fund 0.53897 percent, IMRF Fund 0.08324 percent, Transportation Fund 0.25874 percent, Working Cash Fund 0.05000 percent, Health and Life Safety Fund 0.10000 percent, Special Education Fund 0.04084 percent, Liability Insurance Fund 0.12179 percent, Social Security Fund 0.08324 percent, and Lease Fund 0.03534 percent, with an aggregate extension base of \$519,513?
Orangeville Community Unit School District 203	08-089-2030-26 Stephenson	Tax	Tax Rate	Pass	Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for Orangeville Community Unit School District 203, Stephenson County, Illinois, be increased by an additional amount equal to .50 percent above the limiting rate for any purpose of said school district for levy year 2009 and be equal to 4.71522 percent of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property therein for levy year 2011?
Paris Community Unit School District 4, Paris Union School District 95	11-023-0040-26 11-023-0950-25 Edgar	Bond	Build/Construct	Pass	Shall the Board of Education of Paris Community Unit School District 4, Edgar County, Illinois, in cooperation with Paris Union School District 95, Edgar County, Illinois, purchase and improve a school site and build and equip a new cooperative high school building thereon, and issue bonds of said school district to the amount of \$6,000,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?
Paw Paw Community Unit School District 271	47-052-2710-26 DeKalb, Lee	Miscellaneous	Office Term/Size	Pass	Shall members of the Board of Education of Paw Paw Community Unit School District 271 of Lee and DeKalb counties, Illinois, be elected in 2012 and thereafter at large and without restriction by area of residence within the district?
Peotone Community Unit School District 207U	56-099-207U-26 Kankakee, Will	Tax	Tax Rate	Fail	Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for Peotone Community Unit School District 207U, Will and Kankakee counties, Illinois, be increased by an additional amount equal to 0.6500 percent above the limiting rate for levy year 2009 for school purposes and be equal to 2.9539 percent of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property therein for levy year 2011?

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Prospect Heights School District 23	05-016-0230-02 Cook	Tax	Tax Rate	Fail	Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for Prospect Heights School District 23, Cook County, Illinois, be increased by an additional amount equal to .35 percent above the limiting rate for any purpose of said school district for levy year 2009 and be equal to 2.458 percent of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property therein for levy year 2010? 1) The approximate amount of taxes extendable at the most recently extended limiting rate is \$15,360,120 and the approximate amount of taxes extendable if the proposition is approved is \$17,910,425. 2) For the 2010 levy year the approximate amount of the additional tax extendable against property containing a single-family residence and having a fair market value at the time of the referendum of \$100,000 is estimated to be \$35. 3) If the proposition is approved, the aggregate extension for 2010 will be determined by the limiting rate set forth in the proposition, rather than the otherwise applicable limiting rate calculated under the provisions of the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (commonly known as the Property Tax Cap Law).
Riverside-Brookfield Township High School District 208	06-016-2080-17 Cook	Tax	Tax Rate	Fail	Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for Riverside-Brookfield Township High School District 208, Cook County, Illinois, be increased by an additional amount equal to 0.44 percent above the limiting rate for any purpose of said school district for levy year 2009 and be equal to 2.097 percent of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property therein for levy year 2010? 1) The approximate amount of taxes extendable at the most recently extended limiting rate is \$17,081,082 and the approximate amount of taxes extendable if the proposition is approved is \$21,616,795. 2) For the 2010 levy year the approximate amount of the additional tax extendable against property containing a single-family residence and having a fair market value at the time of the referendum of \$100,000 is estimated to be \$44. 3) If the proposition is approved, the aggregate extension for 2010 will be determined by the limiting rate set forth in the proposition, rather than the otherwise applicable limiting rate calculated under the provisions of the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (commonly known as the Property Tax Cap Law).
Rochelle Community Unit School District 231	47-071-2310-04 Lee, Ogle	Bond	Build/Construct	Pass	Shall the Board of Education of Rochelle Community Consolidated School District 231, Ogle and Lee counties, Illinois, build and equip a school building, improve the site thereof, and issue bonds of said school district to the amount of \$4,878,694 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?
Rossville-Alvin Community Unit School District 7	54-092-0070-26 54-092-0110-26 54-092-0010-26 Vermilion	Miscellaneous	Reopen School	Pass	Shall the Board of Education of Rossville-Alvin Community Unit School District 7 be authorized to reactivate the Rossville-Alvin High School facility and to discontinue sending pupils of Rossville-Alvin Community Unit School District 7 to Hoopeston Area Community Unit School District 11 and Bismarck-Henning Community Unit School District 1?

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South Pekin School District 137	53-090-1370-02 Tazewell	Bond	Build/Construct	Pass	Shall the Board of Education of South Pekin School District 137, Tazewell County, Illinois, build and equip a new gymnasium at; improve the site of; alter, repair, and equip the South Pekin Elementary School building; and issue bonds of said school district to the amount of \$1,000,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?
Township High School District 113	34-049-1130-17 Lake	Bond	Build/Construct	Fail	Shall the Board of Education of Township High School District 113, Lake County, Illinois, for its Highland Park and Deerfield high schools, improve the safety and efficiency of physical plants; build and equip additions and renovations to such schools for instructional purposes; repair and replace infrastructure; remove, renovate, and repair portions of such schools; improve the sites for such schools; and issue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$133,000,000.00 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?
Villa Grove Community Unit School District 302	11-021-3020-26 Champaign, Douglas	Tax	Tax Rate	Fail	Shall the maximum annual tax rate for educational purposes of Villa Grove Community Unit School District 302, Douglas and Champaign counties, Illinois be increased and established at 2.57 percent upon all the taxable property of said school district at the value, as equalized or assessed by the Illinois Department of Revenue, instead of 2.07 percent, the present maximum rate otherwise applicable to the next taxes to be extended for said purpose?
West Northfield School District 31	05-016-0310-02 Cook	Tax	Tax Rate	Fail	Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for West Northfield School District 31, Cook County, Illinois, be increased by an additional amount equal to .49 percent above the limiting rate for any purpose of said school district for levy year 2009 and be equal to 1.796 percent of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property therein for levy year 2010? 1) The approximate amount of taxes extendable at the most recently extended limiting rate is \$10,637,305 and the approximate amount of taxes extendable if the proposition is approved is \$14,628,331. 2) For the 2010 levy year the approximate amount of additional tax extendable against property containing a single-family residence having a fair market value at the time of the referendum of \$100,000 is estimated to be \$49. 3) If the proposition is approved, the aggregate extension for 2010 will be determined by the limiting rate set forth in the proposition, rather than the otherwise applicable limiting rate calculated under the provisions of the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (commonly known as the Property Tax Cap Law).

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Wilmette School District 39	05-016-0390-02 Cook	Tax	Tax Rate	Pass	Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for Wilmette School District 39, Cook County, Illinois, be increased by an additional amount equal to 0.588 percent above the limiting rate for any purpose of said school district for levy year 2009 and be equal to 2.243 percent of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property therein for levy year 2010? 1) The approximate amount of taxes extendable at the most recently extended limiting rate is \$36,293,206 and the approximate amount of taxes extendable if the proposition is approved is \$49,187,710. 2) For the 2010 levy year the approximate amount of the additional tax extendable against property containing a single-family residence and having a fair market value at the time of the referendum of \$100,000 is estimated to be \$58.80. 3) If the proposition is approved, the aggregate extension for 2010 will be determined by the limiting rate set forth in the proposition, rather than the otherwise applicable limiting rate calculated under the provisions of the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (commonly known as the Property Tax Cap Law).
Winthrop Harbor School District 1	34-049-0010-02 Lake	Bond	Working Cash	Fail	Shall the Board of Education of Winthrop Harbor School District 1, Lake County, Illinois, be authorized to issue \$4,464,976 bonds for a working cash fund, as provided for by Article 20 of the School Code?