

## SCHOOL REFERENDA RESULTS—2013 CONSOLIDATED ELECTION

There were 37 referenda introduced by 40 Illinois school districts and one county during the April 9, 2013, 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, consolidation, school board election, or advisory.

Among the 37 referenda, 15 are tax referenda, all dealing with levying or increasing the tax rate for education. Eleven of the twelve bond referenda are in the build/construct category and one is the bond issuance for working cash. There are 10 miscellaneous referenda addressing consolidation, school board members, and advisory issues. Two of the three miscellaneous referenda in the consolidation category also have the levying tax as part of the referendum and all five miscellaneous referenda in the school board category deal with board member election. One of the miscellaneous referenda in the advisory category asks voters whether a school building should or should not be built; the other asks voters if a portion of the school cash and investment should be used to fund a full-time athletic complex for all residents in the community.

The following table provides a summary of results obtained on April 10, 2013, from participating school districts.

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Referendum Type	Category	Failed		Passed		Total
		#	%	#	%	
Tax	Tax Rate	10	67	5	33	15
	<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>67</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>15</i>
Bond	Build/Construct	9	82	2	18	11
	Working Cash	1	100			1
	<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>83</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>12</i>
Miscellaneous	Consolidation	1	33	2	67	3
	School Board	4	80	1	20	5
	Advisory	1	50	1	50	2
	<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>10</i>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>26</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>37</b>

Overall, 11 of the 37 referenda passed and 26 did not. Voters approved 5 of the 15 tax referenda and 2 of the 12 bond referenda. Of the three consolidation referenda, two passed and one failed. Detailed descriptions of these referenda, participating school districts, and voting results follow.

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GOVERNMENT UNIT NAME	JURISDICTION	REFERENDA TYPE	CATEGORY	RESULT	DESCRIPTION
Atwood-Hammond Community Unit School District 39	Champaign, Douglas, Moultrie, Piatt	Miscellaneous	Consolidation	Passed	Shall Atwood-Hammond Community Unit School District 39, counties of Piatt, Moultrie, Douglas, and Champaign, State of Illinois, be dissolved and the territory thereof annexed to Arthur Community Unit School District 305?
Auburn Community Unit School District 10	Montgomery, Sangamon	Tax	Tax Rate	Passed	Shall the debt service extension base under the Property Tax Extension Law for Auburn Community Unit School District 10, Sangamon and Montgomery counties, Illinois, for payment of principal and interest on limited bonds be increased from \$144,087.55 to \$1,000,000.00 for the 2013 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?
Butler School District 53	DuPage	Bond	Build/Construct	Failed	Shall the Board of Education of Butler School District 53, DuPage County, Illinois, build and equip a school building and issue bonds of said school district to the amount of \$15,000,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?
Community Unit School District 200	DuPage	Bond	Build/Construct	Failed	Shall the Board of Education of Community Unit School District 200, DuPage County, Illinois, build and equip a new early childhood center to replace the existing Jefferson Early Childhood Center, improve the site thereof, and issue bonds of said school district to the amount of \$17,600,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?
Dodds Community Consolidated School District 7, Ina Community Consolidated School District 8, Opdyke-Belle Rive Community Consolidated School District 5	Hamilton, Jefferson	Miscellaneous	Consolidation	Failed	Shall a combined elementary school district in the territory comprising Dodds Community Consolidated School District 7, Ina Community Consolidated School District 8, and Opdyke-Belle Rive Community Consolidated School District 5 with the authority to levy taxes at the maximum rates of: education purposes–3.50 percent, operations and maintenance purposes–0.55 percent, transportation purposes–0.12 percent, special education purposes–0.40 percent, working cash fund purposes–0.05 percent, school fire prevention/safety and energy conservation purposes–0.10 percent, leasing of education facilities or computer technology–0.10 percent, IMRF purposes–unlimited, Social Security/Medicare purposes–unlimited, tort immunity purposes–unlimited, each upon all of the taxable property of the district at the value thereof, as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue, be established?
East Coloma Elementary School District 12, Nelson Elementary School District 8	Whiteside, Lee	Miscellaneous	Consolidation	Passed	Shall a new combined elementary school district be created in the territory comprising the entire territories of East Coloma Elementary School District 12, County of Whiteside, State of Illinois, and Nelson Elementary School District 8, County of Lee, State of Illinois, the Board of Education of said district shall be elected at large and with the authority to levy taxes at the rate of 1.95 percent for educational purposes, 0.30 percent for operations and maintenance purposes, 0.20 percent for transportation purposes, and 0.05 percent for working cash purposes, each upon the full, fair cash value of all taxable property of the district as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue?
Fulton County	Fulton	Tax	School/Education	Failed	Shall a retailers' occupation tax and a service occupation tax (commonly referred to as a "sales tax") be imposed in the County of Fulton, Illinois, at a rate of 1 percent to be used exclusively for school facility purposes?

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Giant City Community Consolidated School District 130	Jackson, Williamson	Tax	Tax Rate	Failed	Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for Giant City Community Consolidated School District 130, Jackson and Williamson counties, Illinois, be increased by an additional amount equal to 0.85 percent above the limiting rate for any purpose of said school district for levy year 2011 and be equal to 3.37285 percent of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property therein for levy year 2012?
Grant Community Consolidated School District 10	St. Clair	Tax	Tax Rate	Failed	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 0.85 percent from the currently authorized rate of 1.42 percent to a rate not to exceed 2.27 percent upon the value of taxable property within the district as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue, as authorized by Article 17 of the School Code? 1. The approximate amount of taxes extendible for educational purposes under the maximum rate currently in force is \$1,732,496.74 and the approximate amount of taxes extendible if the proposition is approved is \$2,769,554.66. 2. The most recently approved budget for Grant Community Consolidated School District 110 is \$7,909,382. The annual budget, if the proposition is approved and the tax for educational purposes is levied at the maximum rate, would be \$8,954,351, an increase of 9 percent over the current budget.
Hall Township High School District 502	Bureau	Bond	Build/Construct	Passed	Shall the Board of Education of Hall Township High School District 502, Bureau County, Illinois, build and equip a new high school building, improve the site thereof, demolish all or a portion of the existing school building, and issue bonds of said school district to the amount of \$32,000,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?
Harrisburg Community Unit School District 3	Saline	Bond	Build/Construct	Failed	Shall Harrisburg Community Unit School District 3, Saline County, Illinois, be authorized to issue \$29,000,000 general obligation alternate bonds of said school district to demolish, reconstruct, renovate, alter, repair, and equip all or a portion of the Harrisburg High school buildings and improve the sites thereof, as provided for by the resolution adopted by the Board of Education of said school district on the 25 <sup>th</sup> day of September 2012, said bonds being payable from one or more of the following revenue sources: (i) collections distributed to the district from those taxes imposed by the County of Saline, Illinois, pursuant to the county School Facility Occupation Tax Law of the State of Illinois, as amended, and (ii) general state aid received by the district from time to time, unless said revenue sources are insufficient to pay said bonds, in which case ad valorem property taxes upon all taxable property in said school district without limitation as to rate or amount are authorized to be extended for such purpose?
Herscher Community Unit School District 2	Ford, Grundy, Iroquois, Kankakee, Livingston	Bond	Working Cash	Failed	Shall the Board of Education of Herscher Community Unit School District 2, Kankakee, Iroquois, Ford, Livingston, and Grundy counties, Illinois, be authorized to issue \$3,000,000 bonds for a working cash fund as provided for by Article 20 of the School Code?
Illini West High School District 307	Hancock, Henderson, McDonough	Bond	Build/Construct	Failed	Shall the Board of Education of Illini West High School District 307, Hancock, Henderson, and McDonough counties, Illinois, acquire and improve a site and build and equip a new school building thereon and issue bonds of said school district to the amount of \$8,000,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?

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Itasca School District 10	DuPage	Tax	Tax Rate	Failed	<p>Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for Itasca School District 10, DuPage County, Illinois, be increased by an additional amount equal to 0.8466 percent above the limiting rate for levy year 2011 and be equal to 2.7523 percent of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property therein for levy year 2013?</p> <p>1) The approximate amount of taxes extendable at the most recently extended limiting rate is \$9,835,364 and the approximate amount of taxes extendable if the proposition is approved is \$14,204,687.24.</p> <p>2) For the 2013 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 \$282.20.</p> <p>3) If the proposition is approved, the aggregate extension for 2013 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).</p>
Jacksonville School District 117	Morgan	Miscellaneous	Board Member	Failed	Shall each member of the Board of Education of Jacksonville School District 117 be elected from individual school board districts and not at large?
Lake Park High School District 108	DuPage	Bond	Build/Construct	Failed	Shall the Board of Education of Lake Park Community High School District 108, DuPage County, Illinois, improve the site of and build and equip an indoor swimming pool addition to the Lake Park East Campus High School building and issue bonds of said school district to the amount of \$8,000,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?
Leland Community Unit School District 1	DeKalb, LaSalle	Tax	Tax Rate	Passed	Shall the maximum annual tax rate for educational purposes of Leland Community Unit School District 1, LaSalle and DeKalb counties, Illinois, be increased and established at 4.0 percent upon all the taxable property of said school district at the value, as equalized or assessed, by the Department of Revenue, instead of 3.25 percent, the existing maximum rate otherwise applicable to the next taxes to be extended for said purposes?
Mascoutah Community Unit School District 19	St. Clair	Miscellaneous	Advisory	Passed	Shall the Board of Education of Mascoutah Community Unit School District 19, St. Clair County, Illinois, build and equip a school building?
McClellan Community Consolidated School District 12	Jefferson	Tax	Tax Rate	Failed	Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for McClellan Community Consolidated School District 12, Jefferson County, Illinois, be increased by an additional amount equal to 0.99 percent above the limiting rate for any purpose of said school district for levy year 2011 and be equal to 3.20763 percent of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property therein for levy year 2013?
McHenry Community High School District 156	Lake, McHenry	Bond	Build/Construct	Failed	Shall the Board of Education of McHenry Community High School District 156, McHenry and Lake counties, Illinois, alter, repair, equip, and provide technology and other improvements to the buildings and facilities of the school district and issue bonds of said school district to the amount of \$2,200,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?
Meridian Community Unit School District 223	Ogle Winnebago	Tax	Tax Rate	Failed	Shall the maximum annual tax rate for educational purposes of Meridian Community Unit School District 223, counties of Ogle and Winnebago, State of Illinois, be increased and established at 3.85 percent upon all the taxable property of said school district at the value, as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue, instead of 2.78 percent, the present maximum rate otherwise applicable to the next taxes to be extended for said purposes?

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Millburn Community Consolidated School District 24	Lake	Tax	Tax Rate	Passed	Shall the extension limitation under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for Millburn Community Consolidated School District 24, Lake County, Illinois, be increased from the lesser of 5 percent or the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index over the prior levy year to 12 percent for the 2013 levy year? For the 2013 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 \$114.00.
Nauvoo-Colusa Community Unit School District 325	Hancock	Tax	Tax Rate	Failed	Shall the maximum annual tax rate for educational purposes of Nauvoo-Colusa Community Unit School District 325, County of Hancock, State of Illinois, be increased and established at 2.55 percent upon all the taxable property of said school district at the value, as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue, instead of 2.00 percent, the present maximum rate otherwise applicable to the next taxes to be extended for said purposes?
North Palos School District 117	Cook	Bond	Build/Construct	Failed	Shall the Board of Education of North Palos School District 117, Cook County, Illinois, build and equip a new junior high school building, improve the site thereof, and issue bonds of said school district to the amount of \$30,000,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?
O'Fallon Community Consolidated School District 90	St. Clair	Tax	Tax Rate	Failed	<p>Shall the maximum annual tax rate for educational purposes of O'Fallon Community Consolidated School District 90, St. Clair County, Illinois, be increased and established at 1.89 percent upon all the taxable property of said school district at the value, as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue, instead of 1.40 percent, the present maximum rate otherwise applicable to the next taxes to be extended for said purpose?</p> <p>a) The approximate amount of taxes extendible for educational purposes under the maximum rate now in force in said school district is the sum of \$8,583,334.</p> <p>b) The approximate amount of taxes extendible for educational purposes under the proposed increased rate is the sum of \$11,587,501.</p> <p>c) The total dollar amount of the most recently approved annual budget of said school district is the sum of \$31,316,998; the total dollar amount of said annual budget, if increased by the amount of additional tax that may be levied if the proposition is approved, is the sum of \$34,321,165; the percentage of increase in the total dollar amount of the most recently approved annual budget of said school district, if such total dollar amount were increased by the amount of additional tax that may be levied if the proposition is approved, is 9.6 percent.</p> <p>d) The percentage increase between the maximum rate at which such taxes for educational purposes may be levied if the proposition is approved and the annual rate at which such taxes for educational purposes is currently levied is 35.0 percent.</p>
Oswego Community Unit School District 308	City of Aurora, Kane, Kendall, Witt	Miscellaneous	Board Member	Passed	Shall members of the Board of Education of Oswego Community Unit School District 308 be elected at large and without restriction by area of residence within the district, rather than in accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of Section 10-10.5 of the Illinois School Code for mandatory board representation?
Paw Paw Community Unit School District 271	DeKalb, Lee	Miscellaneous	Board Member	Failed	Shall the members of the Board of Education of Paw Paw Community Unit School District 271, of Lee and DeKalb counties, Illinois, be elected in 2015 and thereafter at large and without restriction by area of residence within the district?

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Pembroke Community Consolidated School District 259	Iroquois, Kankakee	Tax	Tax Rate	Failed	<p>Shall the annual tax rate for the education purposes of School District 259, Kankakee and Iroquois counties, Illinois (commonly known as Pembroke Community Consolidated School District 259), for tax years 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015 only, be increased from 1.11 percent to 3.50 percent upon the value of the taxable property in the district as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue?</p> <p>a) 3.50 percent is the maximum rate at which such tax may be levied if the above proposition is approved.</p> <p>b) \$3,484,834 is the amount of the 2012/2013 annual budget of School District 259. \$3,842,264 would be the total amount of that annual budget if increased by the amount of the additional tax for education purposes that may be levied if the proposition is approved. The 2012/2013 annual budget total dollar amount would be increased by 10.26 percent if such total dollar amount were increased by the additional tax for education purposes that may be levied if the proposition is approved.</p> <p>c.) The annual rate at which the tax for education purposes is currently levied is 1.11 percent. The percentage of increase between the 3.50 percent maximum rate at which said tax may be levied if the proposition is approved and the annual rate at which such tax currently is levied is 215.315 percent.</p> <p>d) It is estimated that the approximate amount of taxes extendible under the maximum rate of 1.11 percent for education purposes now in force for School District 259, computed upon the last known full, fair cash value, is \$166,003 and that the approximate amount of taxes extendible for said School District 259 under the proposed increased rate of 3.50 percent for education purposes, computed upon the last known full, fair cash value, is \$523,433.</p>
Princeville Community Unit School District 326	Marshall, Peoria	Bond	Build/Construct	Failed	Shall the Board of Education of Princeville Community Unit School District 326, Peoria and Marshall counties, Illinois, build and equip additions to, improve the sites of, alter, repair, and equip the district's buildings and issue bonds of said school district to the amount of \$8,500,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?
Rossville-Alvin Community Unit School District 7	Vermilion	Miscellaneous	Board Member	Failed	Shall Rossville-Alvin Community Unit School District 7 elect board members at large rather than electing them by area of residence within the district in accordance with Section 10-10.5 of the School Code?
School District 200	Cook	Miscellaneous	Advisory	Failed	Shall the District 200 Board of Education spend a portion of its cash and investments, which currently exceed \$111 million, to fund a year-round, public, indoor, aquatics and fitness center for all Oak Park and River Forest residents?
Smithton Community Consolidated School District 130	St. Clair	Bond	Build/Construct	Failed	Shall the Board of Education of Smithton Community Consolidated School District 130, St. Clair County, Illinois, build and equip a new middle school building on land now owned by said school district located along State Route 159, in Smithton, Illinois; alter, repair, and equip the existing elementary school building; and issue bonds of said school district to the amount of \$12,000,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?
Somonauk Community Unit School District 432	DeKalb, LaSalle	Tax	Tax Rate	Passed	Shall the maximum allowable annual tax rate for educational purposes of Somonauk Community Unit School District 432 be increased to 4.0 percent upon all taxable property of said school district at the value as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue?

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Stewardson-Strasburg Community Unit School District 5A	Effingham, Shelby	Tax	Tax Rate	Passed	<p>Shall the maximum tax rate for the tax that Stewardson-Strasburg Community Unit School District 5A, Shelby and Effingham counties, Illinois, levies for educational purposes be increased for a period of five years by 0.50 percent from the currently authorized rate of 2.0 percent to a rate not to exceed 2.50 percent upon the value of taxable property within the district as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue, as authorized by Article 17 of the School Code?</p> <p>1) The approximate amount of taxes extendible for educational purposes under the maximum rate currently in force is \$698,953; the approximate amount of taxes extendible if the proposition is approved is \$873,691.</p> <p>2) The most recently approved annual budget for Stewardson-Strasburg Community Unit School District 5A is \$3,423,338. The annual budget, if the proposition is approved and the tax for educational purposes is levied at the maximum rate, would be \$3,598,076, an increase of 5.1 percent over the current budget.</p>
Township High School District 113	Lake	Bond	Build/Construct	Passed	<p>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 of said school district to the amount of \$89,000,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?</p>
Tri-City Community Unit School District 1	Sangamon	Miscellaneous	Board Member	Failed	<p>To create a more proportional representation of the voters in the district, shall future members of the Board of Education of Tri-City Community Unit School District 1, Sangamon County, Illinois, be elected at large from within the school district and without restriction by area of residence within the school district?</p>
Unity Point Community Consolidated School District 140	Jackson	Tax	Tax Rate	Failed	<p>Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for Unity Point Community Consolidated School District 140, Jackson County, Illinois, be increased by an additional amount equal to 0.75 percent above the limiting rate for any purpose of said school district for levy year 2011 and be equal to 2.5665 percent of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property therein for levy year 2012?</p>