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Primary election voters approve majority of school tax issues

COLUMBUS — Voters across Ohio approved 65% of the school tax issues on the 2022 primary election ballot.

The passage of 49 of 75 issues marked a small decrease from the 2021 primary election, when voters approved 50 of 73 school tax issues for a passage rate of 68%.

Thirty-eight percent of new school tax requests were approved Tuesday, May 3, with 13 of 34 issues passing, a decrease from 2021. In last year's primary election, voters approved 20 of 40 new tax issues for a 50% passage rate.

Strong support for renewal school tax proposals continued, with 36 of the 41 issues earning approval Tuesday, an 88% passage rate. That is a slight decrease from the 2021 primary election renewal passage rate of 91%. In that election, 30 of 33 renewal issues were approved.

"Yesterday's election showed just how important citizens think their public schools are," Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) Director of Legislative Services Jennifer Hogue said. "However, most of the issues approved by voters were renewals; it's still an uphill battle to secure voter approval for new or additional money requests. Those districts that were unsuccessful will face challenges in meeting the educational needs of their students."

While election results are complete, they have not been officially certified by the Ohio secretary of state. For district-by-district details on current and past elections, visit OSBA's online database of school tax issues at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/19699>.

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