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### General election voters approve 50% of school tax issues

COLUMBUS — Voters across Ohio approved 51% of the school tax issues on the November general election ballot, a decrease from the 2023 general election when 70% of such issues were approved.

Renewal school tax proposals continue to enjoy majority support from the public, but that majority is smaller than in previous years, with 52 of the 73 issues passing for a 71% passage rate.

Twenty-five percent of new school tax requests were approved, with seven of 28 issues passing.

“Last night’s levy results are a tough reminder of the challenges Ohio’s schools are facing,” Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) Director of Legislative Services Jennifer Hogue said. “These results indicate that many communities are struggling to support local funding for education, likely impacted by the economic pressures felt across the state. School levies provide essential funding for academic programs, student services and school operations. Without these resources, schools are limited in their ability to maintain and expand student opportunities. Districts must make difficult choices without these local funds that could limit those programs and opportunities.”

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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