

Illinois Association of School Administrators

Illinois School Referenda Election Results – March 16, 2004

SCHOOL REFERENDA: 44% PASS, 56% FAIL

Results of the March 16 referenda on questions to raise school district tax rates and to issue bonds reveal that 48 of the 108 questions, or 44%, were successful and that 60 or 56% of the questions were defeated.

The results of the tax referenda, based on unofficial tallies gathered by an IASA telephone survey, are reported in two sections: successful and unsuccessful.

The school districts are listed by IASA Region and then by county within the Region; the county is determined by the location of the district's administrative office. The fourth column of the chart on results, \$ INC, indicates either (1) the rate increase for the education fund, operations or transportation (2) the amount of the Bond issue. Bond is "Bldg." – Building or "WC" – Working Cash.

An analysis of the referenda results follows:

FUND	#WON	#DEFEATED	TOTAL
Education	35	40	75
Transportation	0	1	1
Operations	1	4	5
TOTAL	36	45	81
BOND ISSUES			
Building	9	12	21
Working Cash	3	3	6
TOTAL	12	15	27
GRAND TOTAL	48	60	108

In addition, there were several questions on the ballot concerning district reorganization and Property Tax Extension Limitation Law.

SUCCESSFUL REFERENDA

COUNTY	DISTRICT	FUND	\$ INC.	VOTE/Y-N
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ABE LINCOLN REGION

DeWitt	Blue Ridge CUSD #18	Education	1.10	1,136-918
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CENTRAL ILLINOIS VALLEY REGION

Woodford	Roanoke Benson Unit #60	Education	.60	878-389
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COOK NORTH REGION

Cook	Avoca #37	Bond-WC	\$3,200,000	882-809
Cook	Morton Grove #70	Education	.75	1,260-883
Cook	Skokie Fairview #72	Education	.21	1,187-830
Cook	Skokie #73-5	Education	.75	1,697-828
Cook	Niles Twp Comm HS #219	Education	.23	11,139-8,158

COOK SOUTH REGION

Cook	Willow Springs #108	Education	.25	521-485
Cook	Evergreen Park Elem #124	Education	.71	2,331-1,856
Cook	Arbor Park #145	Bond-Bldg.	\$13,000,000	1,339-658
Cook	Lansing #158	Education	1.09	2,018-1,890
Cook	Ford Heights #169	Bond-Bldg.	\$ 2,500,000	348-59

COOK WEST REGION

Cook	Forest Park #91	Education	1.00	1,364-1,191
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Cook	Komarek #94	Education	.60	713-350
Cook	Riverside #96	Education	.49	2,799-1,361
Cook	Lyons #103	Education	1.18	2,829-1,926

CORN BELT REGION

Iroquois	Donovan Comm #3	Education	.75	408-218
Livingston	Woodland CUSD #5	Education	.90	586-325
Livingston	Cornell #426	Education	1.00	264-168
Livingston	Pontiac #429	Education	.40	2,226-1,349
McLean	Tri Valley #3	Education	.56	815-482

DUPAGE REGION

DuPage	Addison #4	Bond-Bldg.	\$25,000,000	2,209-2,082
DuPage	Benjamin #25	Education	.35	1,083-1,066
DuPage	Lombard #44	Education	.50	3,893-3,728
DuPage	Maercker #60	Education	.40	1,668-1,524
DuPage	Carol Stream #93	Education	.93	3,040-2,798
DuPage	Hinsdale #181	Bond-Bldg.	\$31,000,000	3,891-3,695
DuPage	Lisle #202	Education	.45	1,676-1,566

ILLINI REGION

Champaign	Ludlow #142	Education	.47	172-122
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KISHWAUKEE REGION

McHenry	Fox River Grove #3	Education	.42	708-658
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LAKE REGION

Lake	Millburn #24	Bond-Bldg.	\$15,985,000	990-609
Lake	Millburn #24	Education	.53	818-781
Lake	Antioch #34	Education	.65	2,735-2,298
Lake	Warren Twp HS #121	Bond-Bldg.	\$15,500,000	6,457-6,043

NORTHWEST REGION

Winnebago	Winnebago #323	Education	.95	1,738-1,259
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SOUTHWESTERN REGION

Madison	Venice Comm #3	Bond-WC	\$ 500,000	222-65
Randolph	Coulterville #1	Education	1.00	314-106
St. Clair	Central #104	Education	.45	244-200
St. Clair	Smithton #130	Education	.89	586-572

STARVED ROCK REGION

Bureau	Leepertown #175	Education	.33	58-52
Bureau	La Moille #303	Education	.60	484-161
Bureau	La Moille #303	Operations	.20	478-169
Putnam	Putnam County #535	Education	.88	1,485-704

THREE RIVERS REGION

Will	Union #81	Bond-WC	\$ 600,000	217-216
Will	New Lenox #122	Bond-Bldg.	\$35,000,000	4,568-4,534
Will	Frankfort #157C	Bond-Bldg.	\$41,800,000	2,221-1,399

Will	Crete-Monee #201-U	Bond-Bldg.	\$79,400,000	3,673-3,298
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WESTERN REGION

Knox	Knoxville #202	Education	.75	1,330-928
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UNSUCCESSFUL REFERENDA

COUNTY	DISTRICT	FUND	\$ INC.	VOTE/Y-N
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ABE LINCOLN REGION

DeWitt	Clinton Unit #15	Education	1.20	1,381-2,688
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COOK NORTH REGION

Cook	Mount Prospect #57	Bond-Bldg.	\$8,900,000	2,673-2,934
Cook	Mount Prospect #57	Education	.23	2,452-3,171
Cook	East Maine #63	Education	.40	2,408-2,667

COOK SOUTH REGION

Cook	Lemont-Bromberek #113A	Bond-Bldg.	\$19,600,000	1,483-2,237
Cook	Atwood Heights #125	Operations	.175	357-592
Cook	Alsip-Hazelgreen-Oaklawn #126	Education	.50	862-1,353
Cook	Kirby #140	Education	.50	2,273-2,903
Cook	Dolton #148	Education	1.00	1,554-1,808
Cook	Thornton Twp HS #205	Education	.70	8,371-10,509
Cook	Thornton Fractional Twp HS #215	Education	.40	3,338-4,979

Cook	Oak Lawn Comm HS #229	Bond-Bldg.	\$66,000,000	2,201-5,097
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COOK WEST REGION

Cook	River Grove #85-5	Education	.85	791-795
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CORN BELT REGION

McLean	Olympia #16	Education	.80	1,936-2,405
McLean	Olympia #16	Operations	.25	1,839-2,483

DUPAGE REGION

DuPage	Medinah #11	Education	.40	429-1,163
DuPage	Salt Creek #48	Bond-WC	\$ 6,815,000	994-1,046
DuPage	Gower #62	Education	.30	990-1,212

KASKASKIA REGION

Macoupin	Carlinville #1	Education	.32	1,091-2,115
Marion	Salem #111	Education	.20	492-1,534
Marion	Salem #111	Transportation	.05	471-1,554

KISHWAUKEE REGION

Boone	Belvidere #100	Bond-Bldg.	\$54,500,000	3,372-5,441
Boone	Belvidere #100	Education	.60	3,160-5,648
Kane	Geneva #304	Bond-Bldg.	\$48,972,121	3,387-3,655
Kane	Geneva #304	Education	.35	3,009-3,999
McHenry	Nippersink #2	Education	.60	627-2,274
McHenry	McHenry #15	Education	.30	3,880-4,075

McHenry	Riley #18	Education	.38	318-432
McHenry	Cary #26	Education	.70	1,752-4,248
McHenry	Harrison #36	Education	.45	525-533
McHenry	Harvard #50	Education	.60	1,152-1,562
McHenry	Huntley #158	Education	.55	4,202-4,529
Winnebago	Harlem #122	Education	.40	4,028-4,688
Winnebago	Hononegah Comm #207	Education	.55	1,856-4,796

LAKE REGION

Lake	Grass Lake #36	Education	.55	395-409
Lake	Gavin #37	Bond-Bldg.	\$ 6,500,000	591-906
Lake	Big Hollow #38	Bond-Bldg.	\$29,000,000	969-1,014
Lake	Grayslake #46	Bond-Bldg.	\$30,000,000	3,183-3,314
Lake	Grayslake #46	Education	.89	3,096-3,422
Lake	Gurnee #56	Education	.25	2,184-2,243

SHAWNEE REGION

Hardin	Hardin County Comm #1	Bond-WC	\$ 500,000	380-903
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SOUTHWESTERN REGION

Madison	Triad Comm #2	Education	.60	1,251-2,337
St. Clair	O'Fallon #90	Education	.30	1,791-2,373

STARVED ROCK REGION

Bureau	Spring Valley #99	Education	.85	823-997
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THREE RIVERS REGION

Grundy	Morris #54	Education	1.38	749-2,217
Grundy	Minooka Comm #111	Bond-Bldg.	\$28,400,000	1,612-3,371
Grundy	Minooka Comm #201	Bond-Bldg.	\$15,500,000	1,053-1,497
Grundy	Minooka Comm #201	Education	.55	970-1,627
Kankakee	Manteno #5	Education	1.00	1,126-1,234
Will	Troy Comm #30C	Bond-Bldg.	\$21,445,000	2,717-3,108
Will	Troy Comm #30C	Education	.60	2,428-3,416
Will	Troy Comm #30C	Operations	.10	2,515-3,327
Will	Chaney-Monge #88	Education	.74	301-458
Will	Manhattan #114	Bond-Bldg.	\$19,000,000	676-710
Will	Manhattan #114	Education	.62	586-797
Will	New Lenox #122	Operations	.18	4,156-4,951
Will	Crete-Monee #201-U	Education	.40	2,907-4,043

TWO RIVERS REGION

Adams	Quincy #172	Bond-WC	\$ 9,995,000	5,723-7,722
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WESTERN REGION

Fulton	Canton Union #66	Education	.55	2,059-3,217
Knox	Abingdon #217	Education	1.50	555-827

OTHER QUESTIONS

The Lt. Governor Pat Quinn supported Constitutional Amendment 20, which proposes to charge an additional 3% income tax on incomes over \$250,000.00, is on the ballot as an advisory referendum in 22 counties across Illinois. It is expected that, if enacted, this additional income tax would raise approximately \$1.2 billion dollars, one half of which would be used for property tax rebates to homeowners and the other half of which would be distributed to Illinois public schools on a per pupil basis.

The advisory question reads as follows: "Proposition to create an Education Trust Fund which would raise the state income tax on those individuals who make more than a quarter-million dollars a year (less than 2% of all taxpayers) in order to improve education funding."

The entities, by IASA region, that have submitted the question to the voters include:

ABE LINCOLN REGION

Christian	Christian County – PASSED
Shelby	Shelby County – PASSED

BLACKHAWK REGION

Henry	Henry County – PASSED
Stark	Stark County – PASSED
Whiteside	Whiteside County – PASSED

CENTRAL ILLINOIS VALLEY REGION

Mason	Mason County – PASSED
Peoria	Peoria County – PASSED
Woodford	Village of Metamora – PASSED

COOK SOUTH REGION

Cook	City of Markham – PASSED
Cook	Village of Park Forest – PASSED

COOK WEST REGION

Cook	City of Berwyn – PASSED
Cook	City of Chicago – PASSED

EGYPTIAN REGION

Jefferson	Jefferson County – PASSED
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ILLINI REGION

Champaign	Cunningham Township – PASSED
Champaign	Village of Rantoul – PASSED
Coles	Coles County – PASSED
Edgar	Edgar County – PASSED
Vermilion	Carroll Township – PASSED
Vermilion	Danville Township – PASSED

KISHWAUKEE REGION

Kane	Aurora Township – PASSED
Winnebago	Harlem Township – PASSED

NORTHWEST REGION

Stephenson	Stephenson County – PASSED
Whiteside	Whiteside County – PASSED
Winnebago	Harlem Township – PASSED

SHAWNEE REGION

Gallatin	Gallatin County – PASSED
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Hardin	Hardin County – FAILED
Jackson	Jackson County – PASSED
Johnson	Johnson County – PASSED
Union	Union County – PASSED

SOUTHWESTERN REGION

St. Clair	E. St. Louis Township – PASSED
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STARVED ROCK REGION

Bureau	Bureau County – PASSED
LaSalle	LaSalle County – PASSED
Putnam	Putnam County – PASSED

THREE RIVERS REGION

Will	City of Lockport – PASSED
Will	Mokena #159 – PASSED
Will	Village of Park Forest – PASSED

WESTERN REGION

McDonough	McDonough County – PASSED
Warren	Warren County – PASSED

OTHER ADVISORY QUESTIONS

ABE LINCOLN REGION

Macon/Sangamon	Shall Niantic-Harristown Unit #6 and Illiopolis #12 establish a Community Unit School District? PASSED
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CENTRAL ILLINOIS VALLEY REGION

Woodford	Shall El Paso Comm Unit #375 and Gridley #10 consolidate? PASSED
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COOK SOUTH REGION

Cook	Shall the debt service extension base under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for Willow Springs #108, for payment of principal and interest on limited bonds, be increased from \$76,000 to \$576,000 for the levy year 2004 and all subsequent levy years? PASSED
Cook	Shall the debt service extension base under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for Calumet City #155, for payment of principal and interest on limited bonds, be increased from \$560,020 to \$1,300,000 for the 2004 levy year and all subsequent levy years? FAILED

CORN BELT REGION

McLean	Shall Gridley #10 and El Paso Comm Unit #375 consolidate? PASSED
Livingston	Shall Pontiac Twp #90 issue \$2,300,000 in health-life safety bonds to make appropriate repairs to the schools? PASSED

EGYPTIAN REGION

Wayne	Shall the entire territory of Merriam #19 be divided and annexed to Fairfield #112 and New Hope #6? PASSED
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KASKASKIA REGION

Montgomery	Shall the Board of Education of Panhandle #2 ask the voters to approve a referendum to issue health-life safety bonds to make appropriate repairs to the Raymond Grade School building so as to allow the reopening of the building? FAILED
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LAKE REGION

Lake	Shall Winthrop Harbor #1 increase the debt service extension base for payment of principal and interest on limited bonds be increased from \$28,200 to \$500,000 for the 2004 levy year and all subsequent levy years? FAILED
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NORTHWEST REGION

Lee	Shall Franklin Center attendance area detach from Lee Center #271? PASSED
Winnebago	Shall Durand #322 use the remaining \$570,000 of its 1999 Capital Development Board school construction grant funds for future needs of the district, construction or otherwise, rather than use grant funds in lieu of tax levies to pay principal and interest on bonds? FAILED

SOUTHWESTERN REGION

Madison	Shall Venice Comm #3 be authorized to deactivate the Venice High School facility and to send pupils in Venice High School to other recognized Illinois school districts as provided by law? PASSED
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THREE RIVERS REGION

Will	Shall Peotone #207U increase the debt service extension base from \$436,444 to \$2,436,444 for the 2004 levy year and all subsequent levy years? PASSED
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TWO RIVERS REGION

Cass	Shall A-C Central CUSD #262 and Virginia Unit #64 establish a new school district? FAILED
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WESTERN REGION

Warren	Shall Alexis #400 and Warren #222 establish a new school district? PASSED
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