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### Primary election voters support majority of school tax issues

COLUMBUS — Voters across Ohio approved 68% of the school tax issues on the 2021 primary election ballot.

The passage of 50 of 73 issues marked a small uptick from the 2020 primary election, when voters approved 63 of 99 school tax issues for a passage rate of 64%.

Fifty percent of new school tax requests were approved Tuesday, May 4, with 20 of 40 issues passing, an increase from 2020. In last year's primary election, voters approved 20 of 53 new tax issues for a 38% passage rate.

Strong support for renewal school tax proposals continued, with 30 of the 33 issues earning approval Tuesday, a 91% passage rate. That is a slight decrease from the 2020 primary election renewal passage rate of 93%. In that election, 43 of 46 renewal issues were approved.

"Tuesday's results show that communities realize the significance of their public schools," Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) Director of Legislative Services Jennifer Hogue said. "However, most of the issues approved by voters were renewals; the passage rate for new funding was much lower. 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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