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Ohio voters approve two-thirds of school tax issues, marking 15-point increase from last year

COLUMBUS — Ohio voters demonstrated renewed support for their students and schools this November, approving 66% of the school tax issues on the general election ballot, according to unofficial results compiled by the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA). The passage rate marks a 15-point increase from last year's general election, when 51% of issues passed.

The results represent a notable rebound from 2024 and reflect steady voter engagement with local school funding decisions. They also indicate that, even amid economic challenges, many Ohio communities continue to prioritize support for students through stable funding.

Renewal proposals — which maintain current tax levels — saw overwhelming support, with 55 of 60 passing for a 91.7% success rate.

New money levies remain a challenge but show encouraging gains: 33% of new requests passed, up eight points from last year's 25%. Voters approved 15 of 45 new levies, four of seven substitute levies (57%) and three of nine bond issues (33%). In total, 74 of 114 issues statewide were approved.

"A school board doesn't place a levy on the ballot lightly," said Tom Hosler, OSBA chief executive officer. "Each question represents months of discussion about how to meet student needs while respecting a community's ability to pay. When a levy is rejected, it isn't failure — it's feedback. That exchange between schools and voters is the essence of local government and democracy."

Hosler added that the results reflect a shared purpose that transcends ballot outcomes. "For those celebrating, this moment honors partnerships districts have with their communities," he said. "For others, it's a chance to listen, reset and prepare for the next step. Across Ohio, boards and voters alike are united by a shared goal — doing what's best for students."

While the results are complete, they have not yet 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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