School Bond Issue Elections

School bond elections are held in response to infrastructure needs in school districts. An interested party (school board, staff, parent-teacher organization, or other citizen’s group) may request that the school board assess the infrastructure needs of the district, including building safety, specialized facilities, overcrowding, technology needs, and others. A committee of school board members and citizen members considers factors including, but not limited to: current and projected enrollment, planned changes in programming, and financial status/bonding capacity. If the committee recommends moving forward, the school board must reflect the accepted recommendations in the minutes of the meeting. After the board makes education specifications and completes a cost projection for the plan, a petition for the bond must be signed by at least 25.0% of the number of voters in the last election of school officials. The bond election must be balloted favorably by 60.0% of voters in the bond election.

School Bonds Election by Amount — FY 2013-2017

Note: Data reflects first bond issue elections only. Three elections contained second issue votes, and one contained a third issue vote. Points represent school district centroid.

School Bond Issue Totals – FY 2013-2017

Sources: Department of Education, LSA calculations
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