



Kingsway Regional School District Bond Referendum Denied by Majority of Voters

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Swedesboro, NJ – Voters in Swedesboro, South Harrison, East Greenwich, and Woolwich denied the two-question Kingsway Regional School District (KRSD) Bond Referendum on March 8th three-to-one. The \$11.94 million bond would have funded renovations and improvements to the district’s stadium, track, fields, and bus maintenance facilities.

KRSD Superintendent Dr. James J. Lavender, thanked supporters and volunteers of the district’s “Get out the Vote” campaign, despite the outcome.

“Every student deserves the best environment possible in which to learn and in which to participate in before- and after-school activities. This referendum would have affected every student in our four constituent towns,” said Lavender, “and ensured we had the resources necessary to drive Kingsway to becoming the Premier School System in this region. We have heard the community’s voice, however, and will determine the best course of action moving forward.”

The Referendum’s scope of work would have included the resurfacing of the football and grass fields to multi-sport Synthetic Turf Fields, conversion of a six-lane track to an eight-lane rubberized surface track, expansion of bleachers and press box, construction of a new bus maintenance facility and bus parking, construction of a new track and field/marching band field house, and the expansion of the existing athletic field house.

The average monthly tax impact for the homeowner would have been less than \$8.35 per month in all four KRSD communities.

“Our athletic facilities are not only subpar, they were deemed unsafe for competition; our track was built in 1964, and has not been resurfaced since 1992,” said James Mueller, KRSD Board President. “Passing this referendum would have been the best way to eliminate safety hazards that our students are facing right now, but we will listen to the community and find another way.”

The Gloucester County Clerk’s Office reported unofficial results on their website Tuesday evening. Question (1) reported 905 (25.6%) YES votes to 2,632 (74.4%) NO votes. Question (2) reported similar results, 870 (24.7%) YES votes to 2,650 (75.3%) NO votes. Voter turnout for the three Gloucester County School Districts that held special elections on Tuesday equaled 14 percent.

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