

East Rutherford School District Bond Referendum Fails for Second Time in Three Months

East Rutherford, NJ – Despite a reduced scope of work, the East Rutherford School District’s \$30.9 million bond referendum was not approved by voters. The referendum was defeated today by an unofficial vote of 501 no to 418 yes. The board of education and administration now will regroup and determine next steps to address how to fund necessary repairs and renovation of aging facilities as well as address the overcrowding caused by a 28 percent increase in enrollment over the past five years.

“We are disappointed in the outcome of the second referendum in just three months,” said Richard Vartan, president of the East Rutherford Board of Education. “We have to go back to the drawing board and make sure that our buildings are safe and operable for our children and staff.”

Superintendent Giovanni Giancaspro added his thanks to supporters. “As with the first referendum, this was a huge, concerted effort of many of the district’s supporters - staff, parents and community members. We did our best to communicate the facts and get out the vote. Now, we’ll work to come up with a plan that meets our district’s needs and garners the support of our taxpayers.”