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4 of 7 Local School Budgets Pass

57% of the local school budgets passed yesterday compared with 70% county-wide. Last year, 87% of the budgets state-wide passed according to NJEA President Edie Fulton at Tues. night's WCEA Legislative Dinner held at the Clarion Hotel.

If you throw out the Greenwich election (special circumstances), the other 2 budgets were defeated by a total of 29 votes. The other 4 budgets passed by 137 votes.

There are over 400 NJEA members living in the Phillipsburg area. This past weekend, PEA members spent time with them on the phones encouraging them to get out and vote to pass these budgets.

You can see by the small margins of victory and defeat that our members *can*, and *did*, make a difference in these elections.

Hopefully this year's effort represents a beginning of more active participation on the part of the PEA supporting

our local school budgets.

The narrow margins of defeat should encourage us that we can make a difference. The narrow margins of victory should caution us that, to paraphrase John Bartlett, "... we must be ever vigilant."

District	YES	NO	Δ	Passed
Alpha	80	68	12	Y
Blmbury.	57	25	32	Y
G'wich.	175	1,155	980	N
Harmony	126	55	71	Y
Lopat.	213	217	4	N
P'burg.	299	277	22	Y
Pohat	97	122	25	N

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