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## School Elections scheduled for April 15

Last year's school elections saw half of the local budgets pass and half fail. (See the accompanying sidebar.)

The margins of victory for passing school budgets were not substantial in Pohatcong (25 votes) nor Phillipsburg (22 votes). Harmony passed its budget comfortably with 71 votes.

The margins of defeat were even slimmer. Pohatcong failed to pass its budget by 25 votes while Lopatcong failed by only 4 votes!

Greenwich saw its budget fail miserably by 980 votes due to the extreme growth this suburb has experienced over the past few years.

The narrow margins of defeat should encourage us that we can make a difference in these local elections.

The narrow margins of victory should caution us that, to paraphrase John Bartlett, "... we must be ever vigilant." And given the current economic climate, this year's budgets are

in trouble from the get go.

The PEA will once again conduct a phone campaign to contact all local NJEA members (approx. 300-400) the weekend of April 12-13. If you have a half hour to call approx. 20 members, click on the link below.

[PEA Phone Campaign Link](#)

District	YES	NO	Δ	Passed
Alpha	80	68	12	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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