

Town Meeting Day Results

Data received by the AOE for school district budgets with results of town meeting day.

Town Meeting Day	FY2025 LTWADM	FY2025 Prelim Expenditures	FY25 Offsetting Revenues	FY25 Initial Ed Spend	FY25 Percent LTWADM
Pass = 62 Fail = 30 Re-warned = 8 Late Vote = 19	Pass = 56,316 N = 122	Pass = 885,624,684 N = 108	Pass = 144,557,136 N = 108	Pass = 741,067,548 N = 108	
	142,809.77	2,069,094,456	319,022,837	1,750,071,619	
Fail Total	56,746	751,586,404	107,708,792	643,877,612	39.74%
Late Vote Total	19,284	260,704,442	32,731,491	227,972,951	13.50%
Pass Total	56,316	885,624,684	144,557,136	741,067,548	39.43%
Rewarned Total	10,449	171,178,926	34,025,418	137,153,508	7.32%

Note: the budget data presented is from March 7, 2024 and prior, for those districts that have submitted a revised budget, their data is not updated in the above table, but will be in the next statewide projection.

With 30 failed budgets being 40% of long-term weighted pupils, we don't have sufficient results to make a revised statewide projection.

Revisions of failed budgets FY25 education spending were requested late last week, a few have been received. The direction to the field was as soon as reasonably possible, however, I'm aware that administration needs time to propose something new and boards need time to meet and approve or request further revision.

I expect I'll have a statewide projection available soon that includes revised budget numbers for the defeated budgets. Typically, projections are based on board approved budgets, for this third collection of FY25, best estimates have been requested after a conversation with the superintendent and possibly board chair. If a board approved budget is available, great, if not, the next best has been requested.

I cannot predict the year-over-year percent increase to education spending with the current results. Too many of the large districts are either late votes, chose to re-warn, or failed to be able to give a percent change. I will note that of the revised budgets received, there is a trend of both decreasing expenses and also increasing offsetting revenues. Both result in a decrease to education spending. Using additional offsetting revenues buys down the tax rate for a single year for a single district.

A thank you to the VSBA for collecting town meeting day results. They provided the town meeting day district statuses.

