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Board of Elections Certifies May 7 Election Results
Recount Required for School Levy

(Columbus) The Franklin County Board of Elections completed its official canvass this afternoon of the May 7 primary/special election.

Certified totals show 28,939 or 4.51 percent of 641,875 eligible voters casting ballots including 3,832 voting absentee in person or by mail. There were 285 provisional ballots cast with 252 ruled valid and included in the final count. Certified totals will be posted on the board's [Web Site](#).

The official totals did not change the outcome of any contest, but a recount will be necessary for the Groveport Madison school levy which was narrowly defeated on Election Day. The levy gained four votes in the canvass –not enough to reverse its loss, but enough to keep the deciding margin to within a half percent or less- the trigger for mandatory recounts in Ohio. The certified totals show the following:

- **For the levy 1,627 or 49.82 percent**
- **Against the levy 1,639 or 50.18 percent**

The recount will be conducted next Wednesday, May 29 beginning at 9:00 a.m. Board of elections officials will examine results from randomly selected precincts with paper ballots recounted at board offices located at 280 East Broad Street, Columbus and voting machine results recounted at the board's warehouse located at 1719 Alum Creek Drive, Columbus.

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