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In final count, Ellensburg school bond passes at 62 percent

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In the count of remaining ballots Thursday, the Ellensburg School District elementary school bond gained more approval votes to finish with a 62.64 percent approval, according to information posted on the Kittitas County Auditor's website.

School bonds require a 60 percent approval to pass. At the end of the vote count on Election Day, the bond was at 58.5 percent approval. As remaining ballots were counted, it steadily gained in approval. The final vote total for the Ellensburg school bond was 6,754 votes approval and 4,028 rejected.

The bond will finance the construction of a new elementary school and property the district has purchased north of the Mount Stuart Elementary School, as well as the renovation and remodeling of Lincoln Elementary School and Mount Stuart.

The general election will not be certified until No. 27, but according to the auditor's website there are no ballots remaining to count.

In the only other ballot issue that was potentially in doubt on election night, the Kittitas County Fire District 2 (KVFR) levy lid lift steadily gained in approval and finished with 55.39 percent (6,951) approval and 44.61 percent (5,599) rejected — the issue only requires 50 approval to pass.