

# STATE OF OUR SCHOOLS

## America's K-12 Facilities 2016

### Where we learn matters.

School facilities have a direct impact on:

- Student and staff health
- Academic achievement
- Environmental impact
- Property values

### K-12 public school facilities have BIG implications



**100,000**  
Public K-12 schools in U.S.



1 in 6 Americans sets foot in a school each day



total square footage equal to 2,800 Empire State Buildings



2<sup>nd</sup> largest public infrastructure investment after transportation

### Our current spending is inadequate to meet modern standards

Recommended Annual Spending

Maintenance & Operations  
**\$58 billion**

Capital Construction  
**\$77 billion**

New Facilities  
**\$10 billion**

Historic Annual Spending

Maintenance & Operations  
**\$50 billion**

Capital Construction  
**\$49 billion**

Projected Spending Gap  
**\$46 billion**

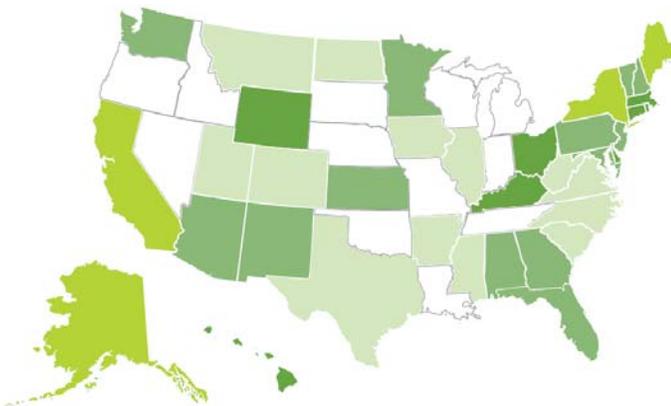
- Leaky roofs and broken windows
- Unhealthy air quality
- Overcrowding
- Limited access to technology
- Unsafe drinking water

**Our students' health and future success is at stake**

### The current funding system inequitably impacts our students



Local districts have federal and state funds to help with maintenance and operations, but are largely dependent on the wealth of their communities for new construction and major renovations.



State funding for public schools varies greatly across the U.S.

Percentage of school construction funded by state (FY 1994-2013)

- Over 50%
  - 26-49%
  - 10-25%
  - 1-9%
  - 0%
- 12 states provide no support for K-12 construction:
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|-----------|--------------|
| Idaho     | Nevada       |
| Indiana   | Oklahoma     |
| Louisiana | Oregon       |
| Michigan  | South Dakota |
| Missouri  | Tennessee    |
| Nebraska  | Wisconsin    |

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