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
2nd 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 Share
82%
State Share
18%
Federal Share
0.2%

Funding for Capital Construction

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)

12 states provide no support for K-12 construction:
- Idaho
- Nevada
- Oklahoma
- Oregon
- South Dakota
- Tennessee
- Wisconsin

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