

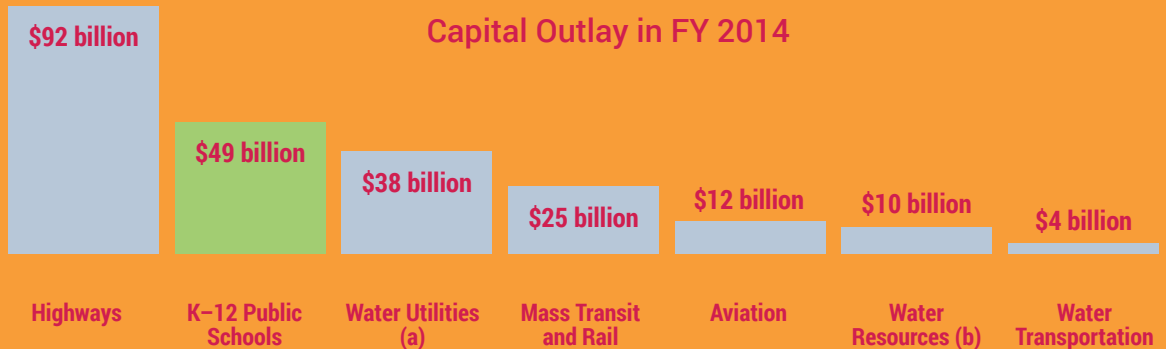


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[Re] Build America's School Infrastructure Coalition

K-12 Schools Are BASIC Infrastructure

K-12 Public Schools Are **SECOND** Largest National Infrastructure Sector for Capital Investment



Water Resources (b) includes water containment systems (dams, levees, reservoirs, and watersheds) and sources of freshwater (lakes and rivers). Water Utilities (a) includes water supply and wastewater treatment facilities. Based on data from the Office of Management and Budget and the Census Bureau, CBO Public Spending on Transportation and Water Infrastructure, 1956-2014, March 2015 report. PK12 Public Schools data is 20 year average annual capital outlay for school construction, in 2014 \$—from State of our Schools 2016 report.



CHALLENGE \$38 BILLION Annual Investment Gap

Every weekday, 56 million children and adults set foot in a public school: 1 in 6 of all Americans. But half of these schools need repairs, especially in urban and rural areas. Incredibly, the federal government provides almost no support for this vital part of the country's infrastructure.

Local communities and states spend \$49 billion a year on capital investment in public school buildings. But that's \$38 billion a year less than they need. And it doesn't even include the billions more needed for annual maintenance and operations. Some states help. Some don't. And federally impacted school districts, which depend significantly on federal funds due to the presence of non-taxable federal property, have seen only about \$18 million a year, about the cost to build one elementary school. This investment gap impacts education, health, safety, security, and the environment.

OPPORTUNITY Federal Infrastructure Investment Will HELP CLOSE THE GAP

Americans strongly support investing more in public infrastructure. Many members of Congress have made infrastructure a top legislative priority. Rep. Bobby Scott (D-VA) and Sen. Jack Reed (D-RI) have introduced bills that would provide \$100 billion in federal grants and school construction bonds and create an estimated 1.8 million jobs nationwide over 10 years.

Details of each state's current investment gap: www.builduschools.org/challenge



BENEFITS for Every Community and State

This one-time federal investment for locally controlled public schools will benefit children, families, and communities across America.



HEALTHIER CHILDREN

All children have access to safe and healthy school facilities, lowering the risk of asthma and lead poisoning, and improving educational excellence.



BETTER STUDENT PERFORMANCE

Attendance and achievement go up, absenteeism and suspensions go down. Teachers also have better professional work environments.



MORE JOBS

Federal leadership can catalyze state and local public funds, and leverage public-public and public-private partnerships. Every \$1 billion invested in school construction creates nearly 18,000 jobs.



MORE RESOURCES FOR CLASSROOMS AND TEACHERS

Communities save on maintenance and operations costs by operating more efficient and sustainable green buildings, and can increase funds for teachers and classrooms.



RURAL BROADBAND ACCESS

Rural students deserve access to the same basic 21st century tools that urban and suburban school children now take for granted.



BETTER DISASTER RECOVERY

Communities have resilient public facilities ready to serve in times of hurricanes and other natural disasters.



ALL WHILE RETAINING LOCAL CONTROL OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Details about each state's projected benefits in terms of funding and construction jobs: www.buildusschools.org/opportunities

ABOUT BASIC

The [Re]Build America's School Infrastructure Coalition (BASIC) includes non-partisan organizations and individuals who support federal funding to help underserved public school districts modernize their facilities. We believe that ALL children should attend healthy, safe, and educationally appropriate school facilities. It's BASIC.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

- 21st Century School Fund
- AASA, The School Superintendents Association
- American Federation of School Administrators
- ASBO International
- Center for Cities + Schools
- Center for Green Schools @ USGBC
- International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers
- Education Market Association
- Johnson Controls
- National Association of Secondary School Principals
- National Council on School Facilities
- Philadelphia Healthy Schools Initiative