

Interagency Commission on School Construction

Briefing to the Maryland Task Force to Modernize County and Municipal Revenue Structures



IAC Basics

- Independent agency of the State of Maryland
- Mission

To achieve a **safe, healthy, and educationally sufficient learning environment for every child** attending a public school in Maryland.

- Vision

A **fiscally sustainable statewide portfolio** of Pre-K-12 school facilities that will remain educationally sufficient for current and future generations of students and teachers.

Primary Functions of the IAC

- **Technical assistance** to LEAs and counties re: all aspects of school facilities portfolio management
- **Data collection**, incl. through assessments of facilities
- **High-level review** of LEAs' school-construction projects
 - **Review and approval** of designs and contracts for State-funded portions of projects
- **Allocation and award** of State school-construction capital dollars to LEAs' projects

Maryland PreK-12 Public School Facilities Quick Facts

1. Number of FTE students (9/30/2025): **880,231**
2. Number of school facilities: **1,350** *Often the center of a community*
3. Gross square feet (GSF) within schools: **More than 142.3 million**
Second largest sector of public infrastructure after roads and bridges
4. Average gross square feet (GSF) per student: **162**
5. Replacement value $\approx$ **\$75 billion** (@ \$533/GSF incl. site development)

Five Areas of School Facilities Need

Areas of Need	Drivers/Requirements
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Perennial

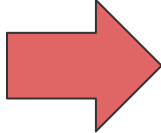
1. Maintain sufficient physical condition	• Support teaching and learning
2. Maintain educational sufficiency	• Keep facilities affordable to own & operate
3. Accommodate projected enrollment growth	• Support teaching and learning

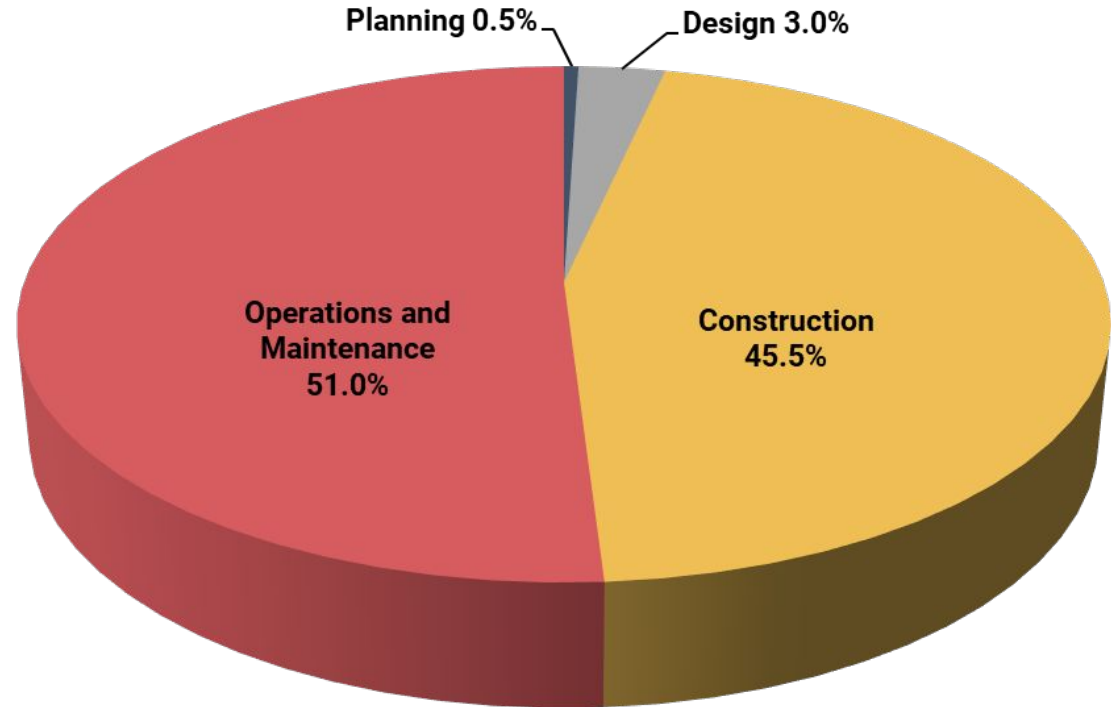
New/Recent

4. Expand Pre-Kindergarten services	• Blueprint for Maryland's Future
5. Decarbonize by 2045	• State-adopted climate-protection goals <i>Climate Solutions Now Act (2022)</i>

Total Cost of A Facility

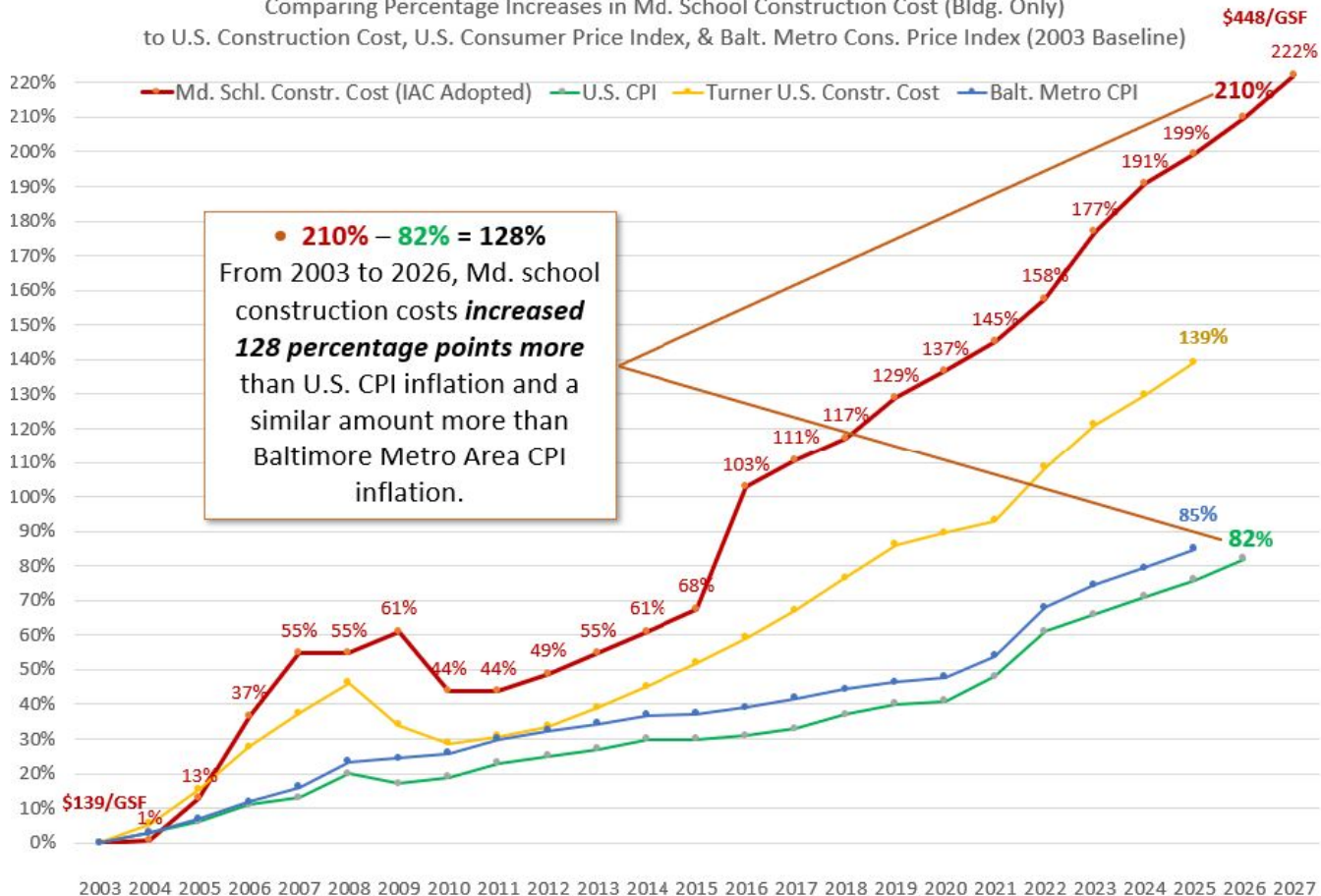
Average Percentage over 30 Years

- 1) Custodial
 - 2) Routine & Preventive Maintenance
 - 3) Capital Maintenance (system replacements)
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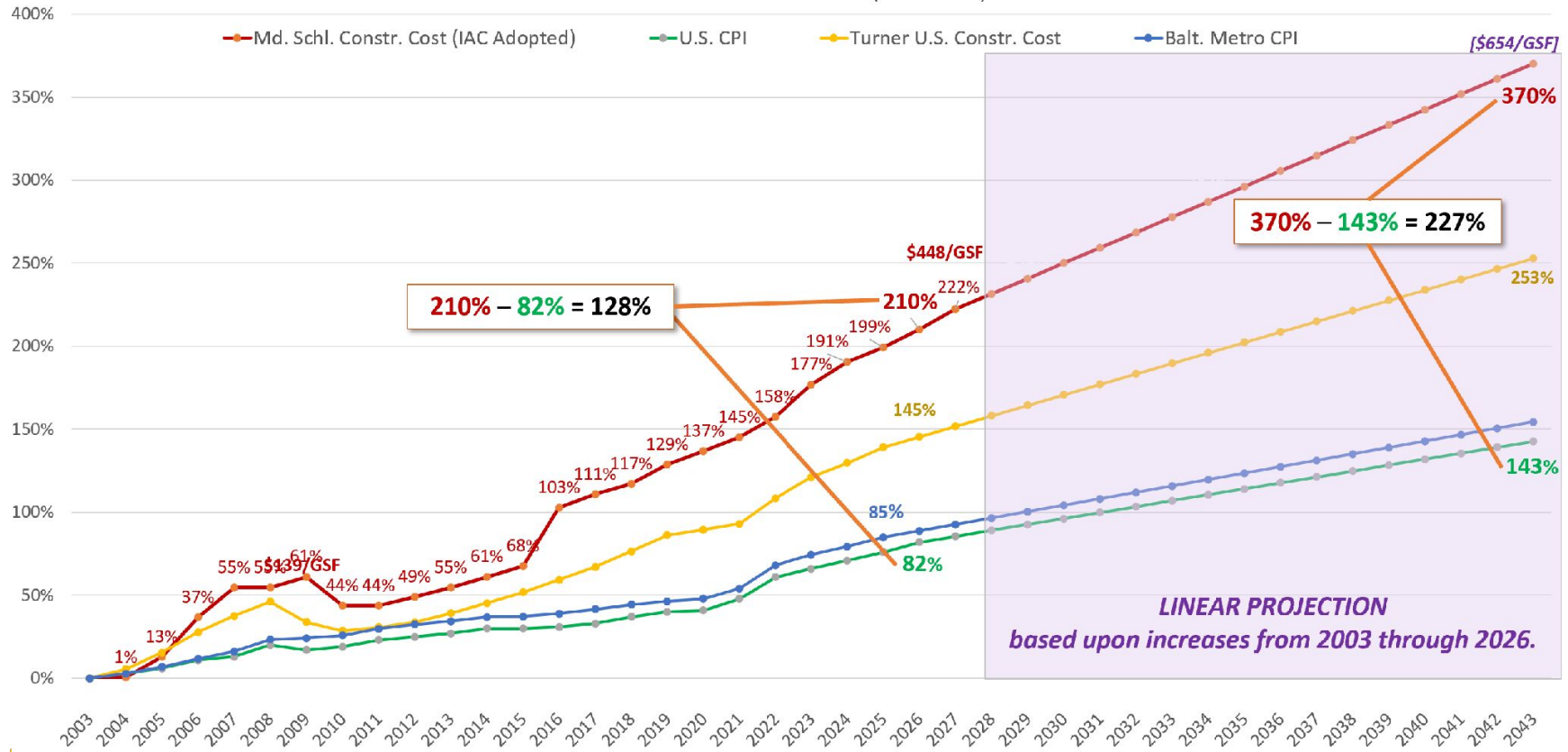
School-Construction Cost in Maryland

Comparing Percentage Increases in Md. School Construction Cost (Bldg. Only)
to U.S. Construction Cost, U.S. Consumer Price Index, & Balt. Metro Cons. Price Index (2003 Baseline)

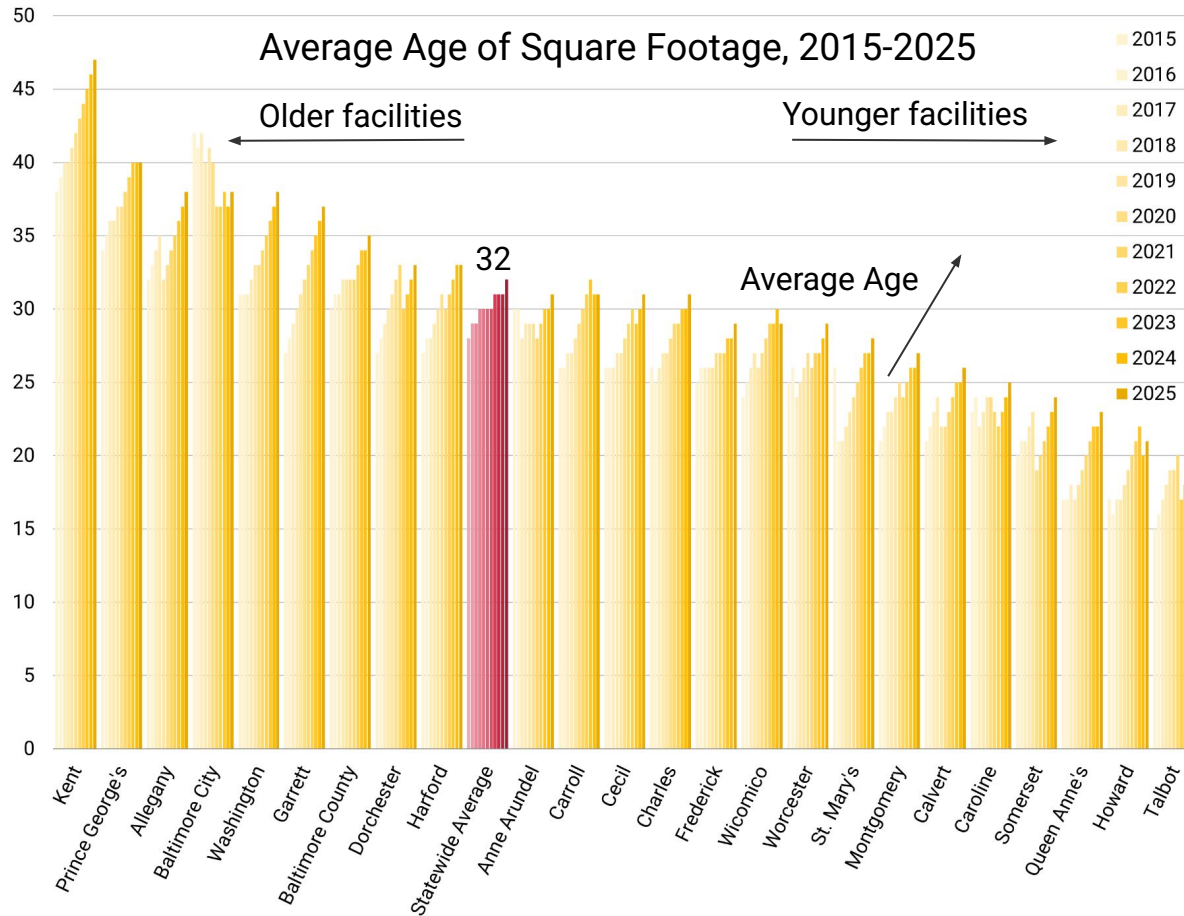


Projected School-Construction Cost in Maryland

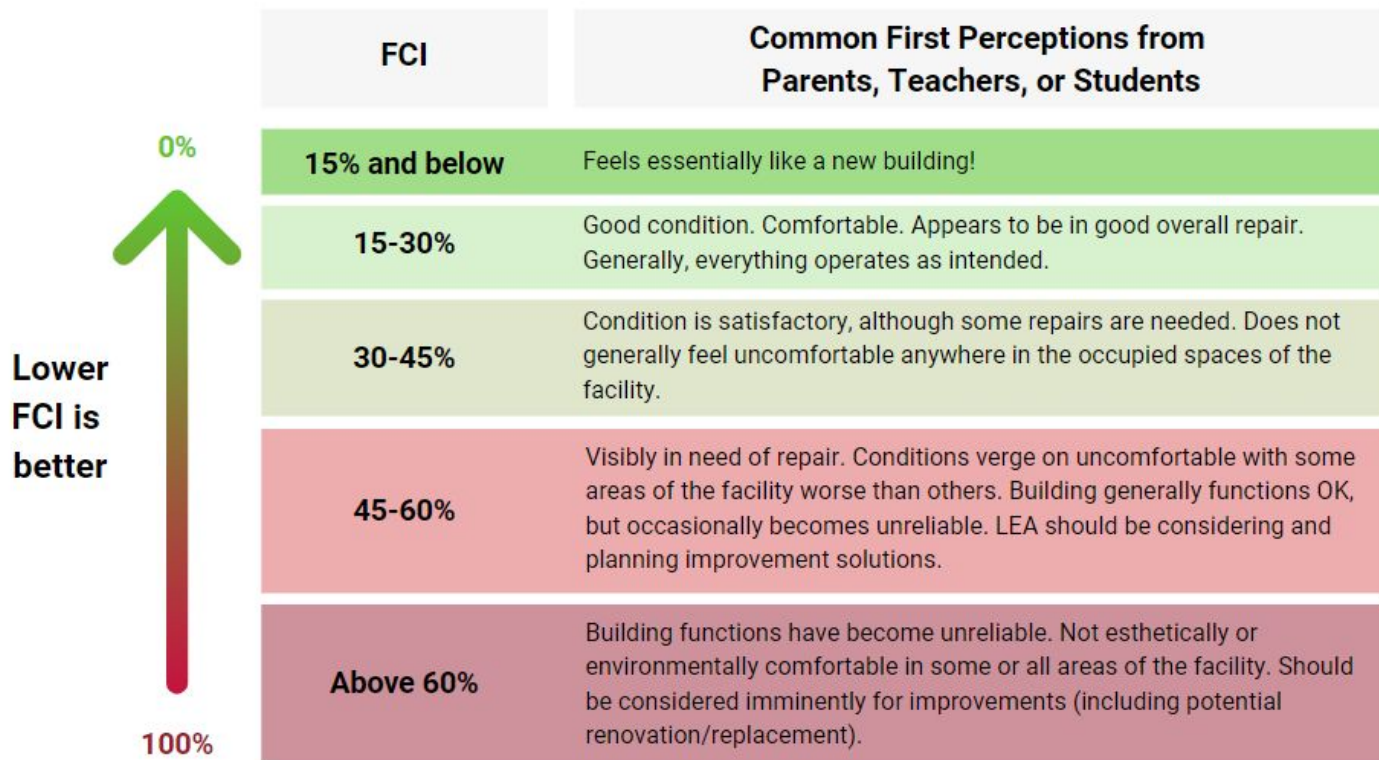
Projecting Percentage Increases in Md. School Construction Cost (Bldg. Only), U.S. Construction Cost, U.S. Consumer Price Index, & Balt. Metro Cons. Price Index (2003-2044)



Need Area #1: Condition



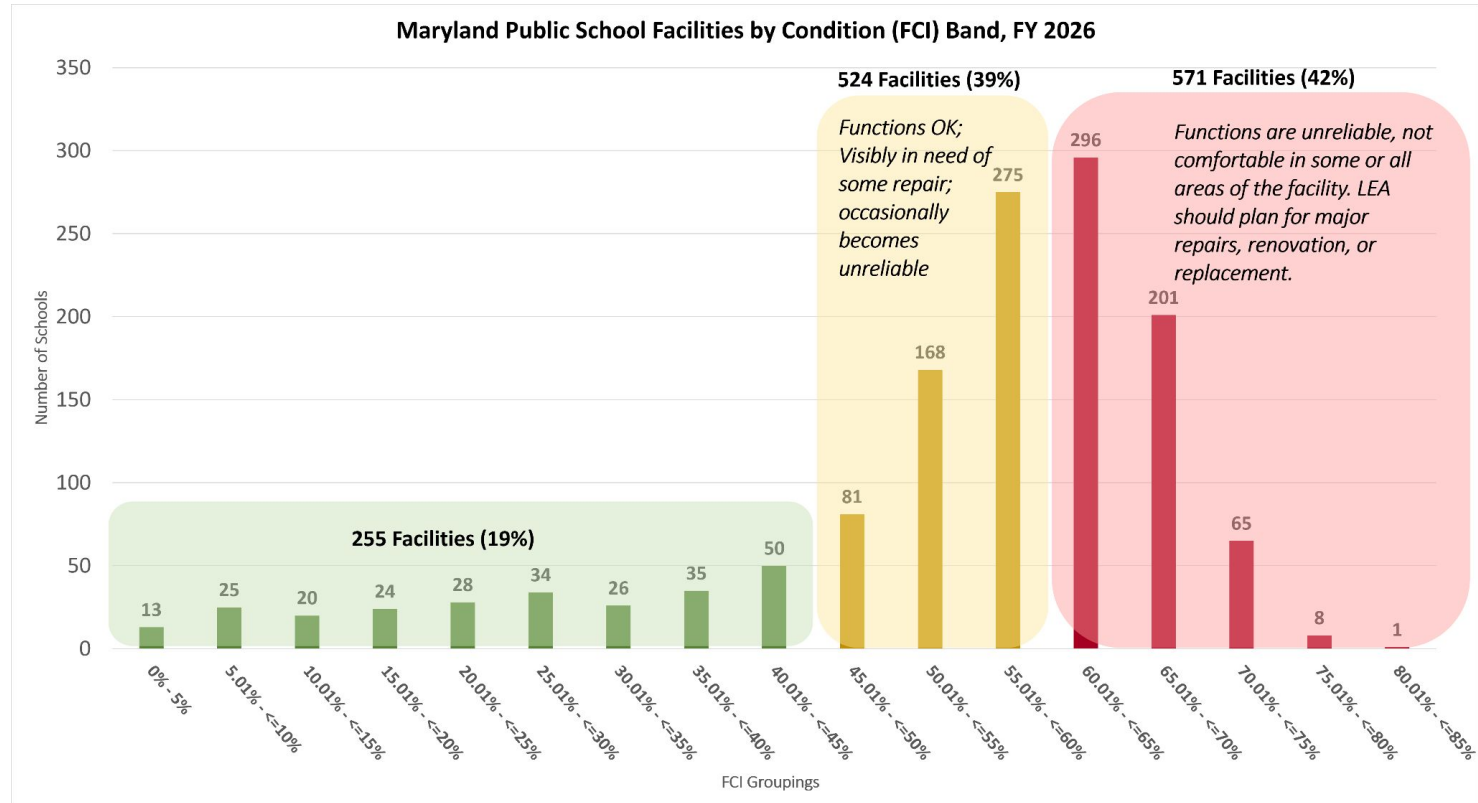
Facility Condition Index Bands



Need Area #1: Condition

Statewide Facility Condition Distribution by Band

- 1,350 Public Pre-K-12 Facilities Assessed
- Weighted Average Asset Condition (FCI): **52.18%** of expected useful lifespan (EUL) depleted
- Reasonable average FCI for educational sufficiency & fiscal sustainability: **32-37%**



Industry Standards for Annual Budgeting

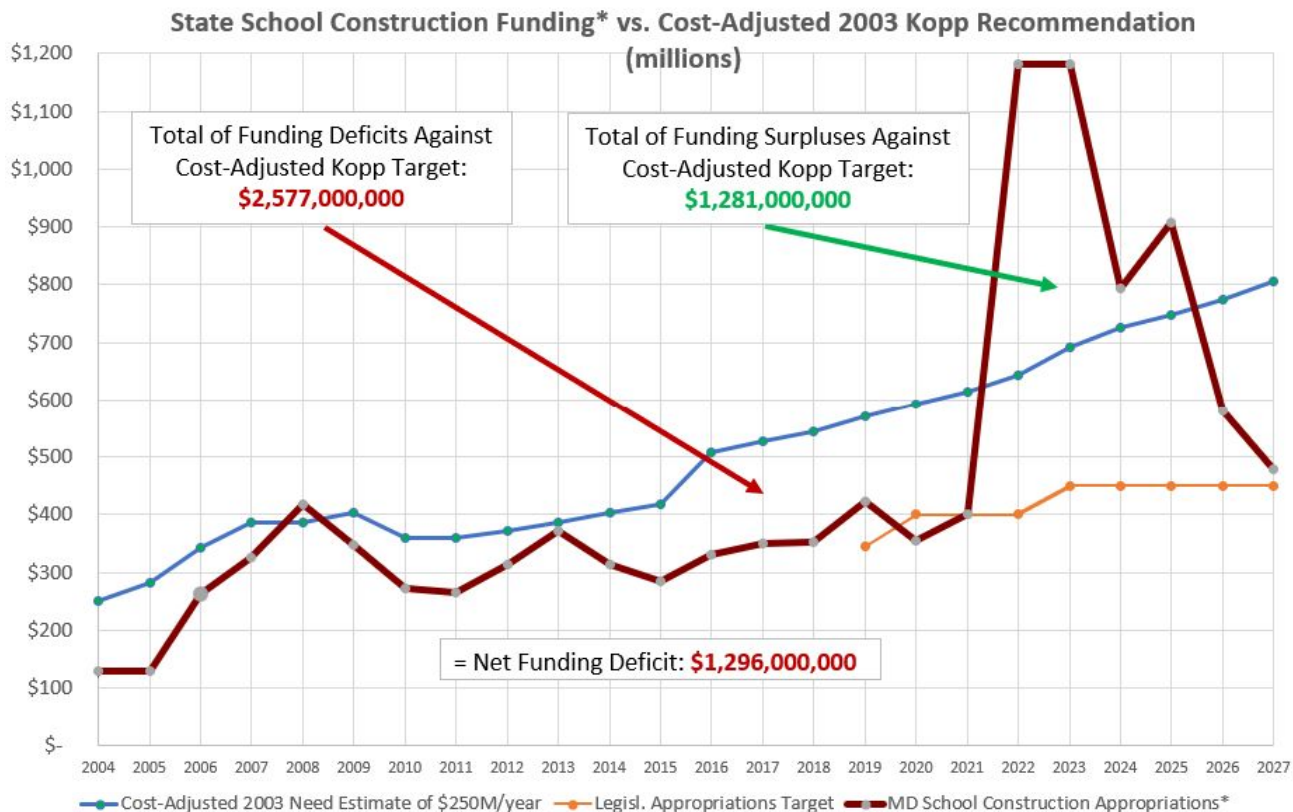
Maintenance & Operations

Percentage of Current Replacement Value (CRV)	CRV of Maryland LEAs' Public PK-12 School Facilities (2026)	Est. Amount Needed*	FY 2026 LEA Budgeted	Est. FY 2026 Funding Gap*
3%	\$75.3 billion	\$2.26 billion	\$1.26 billion	\$1 billion

Capital Renewal

Average Percentage of CRV	CRV of Maryland LEAs' Public PK-12 School Facilities (2026)	Est. Amount Needed*	FY 2026 LEA Budgeted	Est. FY 2026 Funding Gap*
3.67%*	\$75.3 billion	\$2.76 billion	\$1.82 billion	\$ 0.94 billion

State Public School Construction Funding – FY 2004-2027



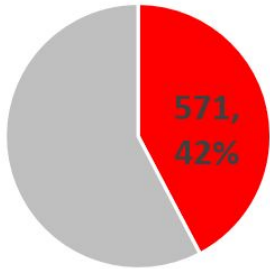
* Excludes \$27M/year provided 2024-2027 to Prince George's County P3.

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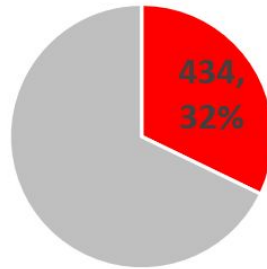
Key Pain Points

$n = 1,350$ facilities

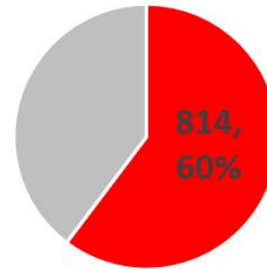
Facilities 60%+
Depleted



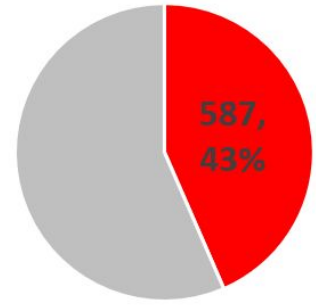
Facilities in Need of
Renewal/Major Capital
Investment



HVAC Systems with <6
Years Left



Roofs with <6 Years Left



We'd love
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