Five-Year Facility Needs Report

2025-26 School Facility Needs Survey

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Statutory Requirement

§ 115C-521 – Erection of School Buildings

Requires local boards of education to submit their long-range plans for meeting school facility needs to the State Board of Education every five years.

FNS Survey Process

- Facility Needs Survey (FNS)
  - Conducted at 5-year Intervals
- FNS Online Database Survey Tool
- Districts self-report their Facility Needs
  - Renovations, Additions, Building Systems (Existing Schools)
  - New Schools
- Captures both 5-year and 10-year Facility Needs
- Districts complete and submit FNS Data
- Statewide FNS Data is compiled and reported

FNS Database Platform

Includes Certain Existing Data

- Existing Schools by District (2,451 Schools)
- Current Average Daily Membership (ADM) by School
- Existing Building Data (as reported previously)

Cost Estimate Calculation Factors

- K-12 Space Programming Guidelines
- Classroom Capacity Requirements
- School Construction Cost Data
- Cost Calculation Factors

FNS Existing Schools

Age of Existing School Buildings Statewide

- 2,451 Schools (6,252 individual buildings)
  - Older than 20 years (5,468 buildings) = 87%
  - Older than 30 years (4,195 buildings) = 67%
  - Older than 40 years (3,044 buildings) = 49%
  - Older than 50 years (2,509 buildings) = 40%
  - Older than 60 years (1,789 buildings) = 29%
  - Older than 70 years (1,041 buildings) = 17%
  - Older than 80 years (265 buildings) = 4%
  - Older than 90 years (154 buildings) = 2%
  - Older than 100 years (79 buildings) = 1%

FNS Construction Cost Data

- Integrated into the FNS Database
- 2026 Baseline Cost Data = $350 / SF for New Facilities
  - 2021 FNS = $250 / SF
  - 2016 FNS = $194 / SF
  - 2011 FNS = $138 / SF
- Construction Costs derived from new schools in NC
  - 98 New Schools – Completed in calendar 2020-2025
- Calculations cannot anticipate future market volatility

FNS Survey Comparison

FY 2022 to 2026 Facility Needs = $13.07 billion

FY 2027 to 2031 Facility Needs = $17.96 billion

Comparison of Five-Year Needs			
Project Type	**2020-21 Survey**	**2025-26 Survey**	**% Change**
New Schools	$ 5,183,924,592	$ 6,161,147,220	+ 18.85%
Additions	$ 1,647,899,423	$ 1,366,427,859	- 17.08%
Renovations	$ 5,529,902,692	$ 9,771,398,638	+ 76.70%
Furnish / Equip	$ 641,047,734	$ 621,690,872	- 3.02%
Land	$ 64,888,630	$ 43,009,064	- 33.72%
Total	$ 13,067,663,071	$ 17,963,673,653	+ 37.47%

FNS Project Planning

FY 2027 to 2031

- New Schools
  - 88 New Schools (56 Districts) – serving 65,559 Students
- Additions
  - Addition Projects at 127 Schools (57 Districts)
- Renovations
  - Renovation Projects at 1,416 Schools (93 Districts)

FNS Project Categories

FY 2027 to 2031

• Repairs / Deferred Maintenance	48.0%
• Building Code / Life Safety	15.8%
• HVAC / Energy Savings	15.8%
• Replace Obsolete Facilities	8.9%
• Technology Infrastructure	6.7%
• Enrollment Growth / Capacity	2.8%
• Programmatic / Other	2.0%

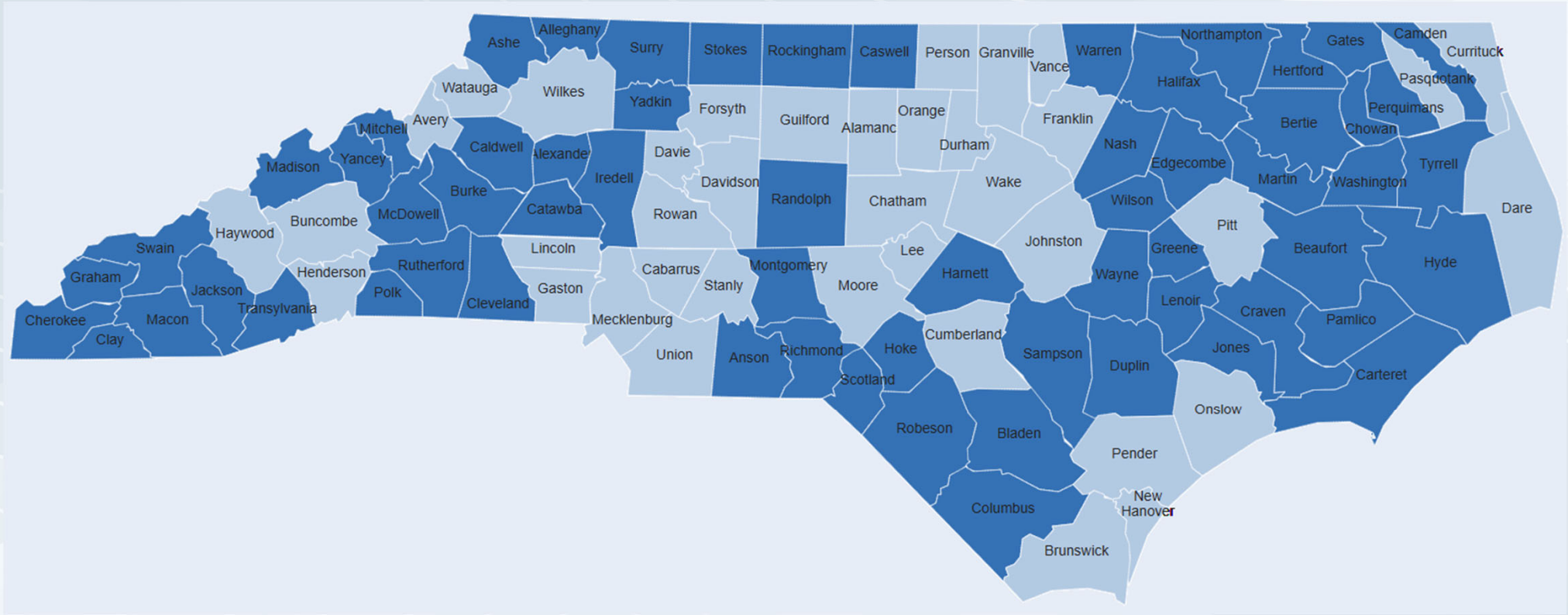
Recent Funding – 2022-2026

- **PSBCF** (Public School Building Capital Fund)
  - $500 million FY 2022-2026
  - Annual Allocation per-ADM
- **NBPSCF** (Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund)
  - $2.1 billion FY 2022-2026
  - Needs-Based Grants (County & District – joint application)
- **PSBRRF** (Public School Building Repair & Renovation Fund)
  - $230 million FY 2022-2026
  - Annual Allocation $500,000 per County
- **Local Bonds** (School Construction)
  - $5.88 billion authorized since 2021
  - 8 counties

Recent Funding – 2022-2026

- **PSBCF** ($500 million FY 2022-2026)
  - Tier 1 Counties = 21.6% ($108 million)
  - Tier 2 Counties = 33.9% ($170 million)
  - Tier 3 Counties = 44.5% ($223 million)
- **NBPSCF** ($2.1 billion FY 2022-2026)
  - Tier 1 Counties = 62.8% ($1,318 million)
  - Tier 2 Counties = 34.5% ($ 725 million)
  - Tier 3 Counties = 2.7% ($ 57 million)
- **PSBRRF** ($230 million FY 2022-2026)
  - Tier 1 Counties = 20% ($46 million)
  - Tier 2 Counties = 40% ($92 million)
  - Tier 3 Counties = 40% ($92 million)

NBPSCF Funding – 2018-2026



- NBPSCF Grants (Since Program Inception – 9 Grant Cycles)
  - 62 Counties
  - $2.5 billion (FY 2018-2026)

Legislative Requests

- **NBPSCF** (Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund)
  - Increase annual appropriation
  - Additional $117 million (from $283m to $400m)
- **PSBRRF** (Public School Building Repair & Renovation Fund)
  - Increase annual appropriation
  - Additional $25 million (from $50m to $75m)

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