

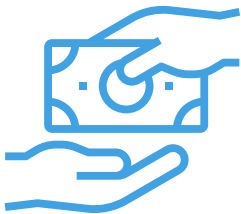


The General Assembly's own research arm estimates that Virginia under-funds public education by **more than a billion dollars**. Act now to support public education across the Commonwealth.



Invest in infrastructure

New buildings are the foundation of a strong future. We ask that lawmakers **renew** the Commission on School Construction and Modernization; **pass** the 1 percent sales-tax legislation to allow voters to fund modern facilities; and **fund** per-pupil infrastructure grants to address maintenance needs.



Fund students, not systems

Virginia's funding formula was built for a different era, and doesn't reflect the true needs and costs of providing an excellent education. This year, we're asking the GA to **implement** JLARC's recommendation to reform the Local Composite Index (LCI), and **increase** the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) to help give every child what they need.



Strengthen student supports

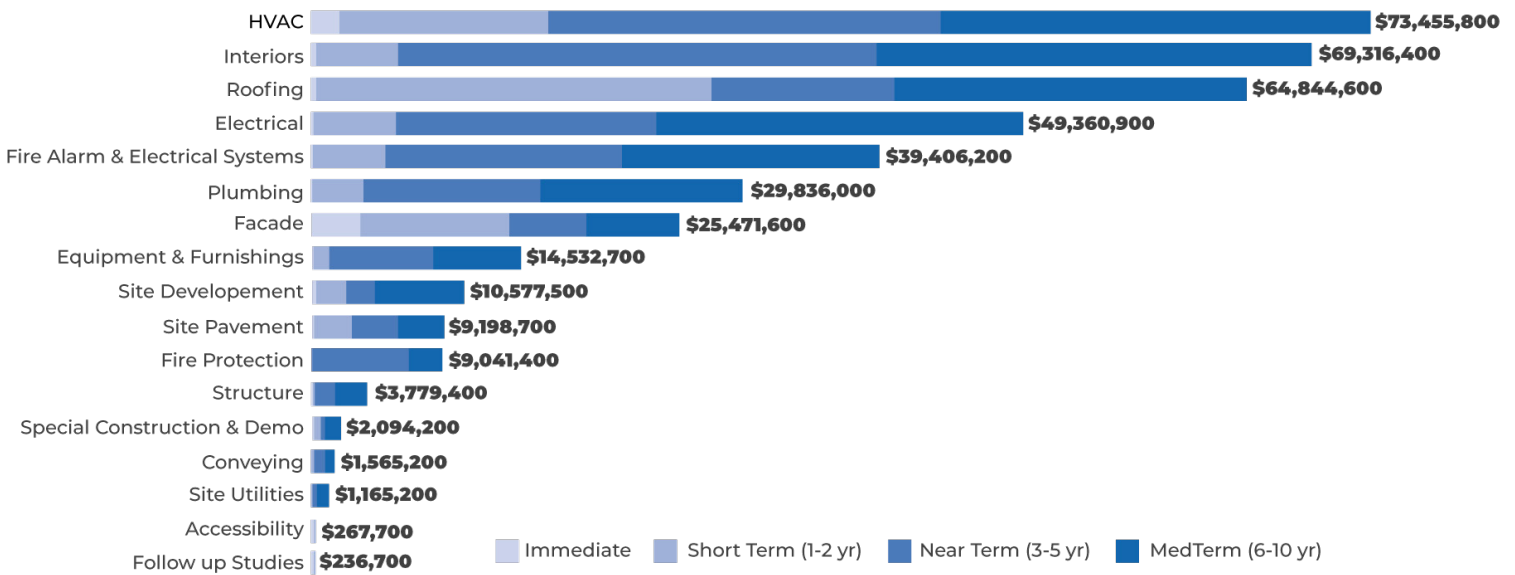
The pandemic caused deep disruptions to student mental health, and their socioemotional well-being is a core need. We recommend **increasing** staff ratios for counselors and social workers; **expanding** community-based partnerships; and **investing** in both telehealth expansion and Medicaid alignment.

Building Our Future

Modern school facilities are — quite literally — the foundation upon which a strong Virginia is built. Across the Commonwealth, school infrastructure is a **\$26 billion** problem. Virginia can, and should, do more to support localities in creating safe, modern school facilities.

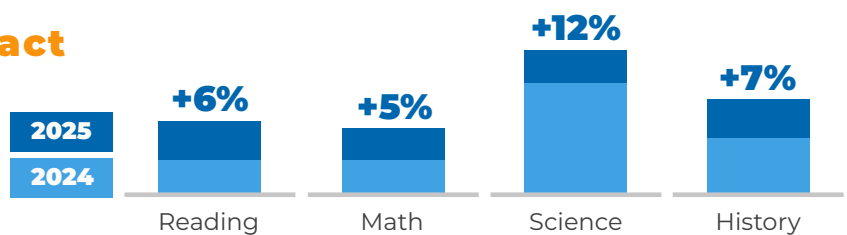
Right now, Commonwealth shoulders only **10 percent** of school construction costs, while states nationally typically contribute about **one in four** dollars toward new schools. Across the Commonwealth, more than half of our school buildings are **50** years old.

In Richmond, the average age of a Title I school is **more than 80 years old**. In 2024, our buildings collectively had **\$43 million** in immediate needs. This isn't a problem a school district can solve alone — we need the Commonwealth's investment for our common future.



Investments Lead to Impact

Over the last three years, RPS has seen some of the fastest academic gains in the Commonwealth.



Our graduation rates reached **historic highs** for Black and low-income students — **88** and **84** percent, respectively — and our socioeconomically disadvantaged students are improving **five times as fast** as the state average.

All of this is possible because RPS invests in innovative, evidence based programming — such as the RPS200 pilot initiative, and our Passion4Learning high-school redesign — and in historic raises for our people.

Adjusted SOQs and increased state funding would support **staff retention, increased training** aligned to the Virginia Literacy Act, and the **expansion of the RPS200 program**, which drives impacts in our highest-needs elementary schools.

