Public Act 93-0489 requires the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) and the Capital Development Board (CDB) to file a comprehensive assessment report of the capital needs of all school districts to the General Assembly every two years. In an effort to compile this assessment needs report, the two agencies requested that all school districts complete and submit a Capital Needs Assessment Survey. ISBE and CDB thank the Regional Offices of Education for their assistance in gathering the data.

Overview

Responses were submitted by 456 elementary, secondary and unit school districts who reported over $7.6 billion of capital needs for new schools, building additions, and general repair work for the next two years. Significant findings of the survey include:

- Over $1.7 billion is needed to build 116 school buildings.
- Over $5.0 billion is needed for overall general repair and remodeling projects.
- To ease overcrowding, districts are using 370 temporary classrooms.
- Of the overall general repair and remodeling needs, over $3.1 billion is needed for Health/Life Safety work.
- Over $1 billion is needed for 214 building additions.
- 4 school districts report they are either a candidate for or are considering consolidation.
- 593 additional classrooms are needed for Pre-Kindergarten classes.
- 513 additional classrooms are needed for Kindergarten classes.
**2008 Capital Needs Assessment Survey - Results**

### General Repair/Remodeling/Renovation:

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<td>2. General Repair / Remodeling</td>
<td>1,239 376,775,806</td>
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<td>3. HLS* - Structural repairs (walls, foundations, etc.)</td>
<td>662 176,102,678</td>
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<td>5. HLS - Heating/ventilation/air conditioning</td>
<td>901 792,415,224</td>
<td>259 419,986,655</td>
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<td>924 363,284,149</td>
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<td>1,075 325,852,886</td>
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<td>8. HLS - Egress systems (doors, stairs, etc.)</td>
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<td>9. HLS - Fire protection (detectors, alarms, etc.)</td>
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<td>13. Repair of sidewalks, playgrounds, etc.</td>
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<td>699 203,820,007</td>
<td>150 58,892,747</td>
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### Total Work Needed

12,012 4,750,207,208 3,091 3,049,865,863 15,103 7,815,893,071

### Impact:

- **PK - 8**
  - Increase: 199,502,050
  - Decrease: 192,698,783
  - Total: 392,200,833
- **High School**
  - Increase: 7,460,379
  - Decrease: 7,107,961
  - Total: 14,568,340
- **District Totals**
  - Increase: 206,962,420
  - Decrease: 169,818,744
  - Total: 376,781,164

### III. Temporaries:

- **PK - 8**
  - Elementary Classrooms: 238
  - High School Classrooms: 132

### IV. Enrollment & EAV Trends:

- **PK - 8 High School District Totals**
  - Sharp Decline 5% or more: 22
  - Small Decline 2% - 4.9%: 72
  - Stable: 125
  - Small Growth 2% - 4.9%: 74
  - Sharp Growth 5% or More: 45

### V. Work in Progress:

- **PK - 8 High School District Totals**
  - Total Work in Progress: 3,091
  - New School Construction: 140
  - Building Additions: 72

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### VI. Consolidation:

- **Yes**: 4
- **No**: 29

### VII. Bonding Power:

- **PK - 8 High School District Totals**
  - Total: 2,500,000
  - Yes: 9
  - No: 23

- **High School**
  - Total: 2,500,000
  - Yes: 10
  - No: 25

- **District Totals**
  - Total: 5,000,000
  - Yes: 28
  - No: 8

- **Insert # of PK Classrooms**: 593
- **Insert # of Kdg. Classrooms**: 513

*HLS denotes Health/Life and Safety*
Work Needed

Currently, there is a projected need of $7.8 billion for general repairs, building additions and new school construction. The charts below summarize the needs of the 456 school districts submitting surveys. The two smaller charts summarize the need by school type.

General Renovation and Repair

The estimated need for General Renovation and Repair work is graphically represented in the bar chart below. These needs are projected within the next two years, and are over and above the work in progress through 2008.

* HLS denotes health, life and safety
Overview of Needs and Resources

The Illinois State Board of Education and the Capital Development Board conducted the first Capital Needs Assessment Survey in 2004. Of the 690 districts responding to the survey, that estimated need was $6.7 billion. In 2006, the 450 School Districts responding to the survey reported capital needs of over $8.2 billion. Of the 456 School Districts responding to the 2008 survey, the estimated need is $7.8 billion. There are 870 school districts in Illinois.

Nine of the 32 districts that responded to the question, stated that their districts would need to exceed their general obligation debt limit to finance construction needs over the next two years. Enrollment growth was reported for 119 districts of the 338 districts responding to the question.

Temporary Units

Districts use temporary-modular or manufactured unit facilities to provide classrooms for their students when their school building's capacity is not sufficient to accommodate their student's enrollment. To ease overcrowding, reporting districts are using 370 temporary classrooms.

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Classrooms Needed

The survey reflects 10 districts of the 35 responding to the question reported provide full-day Pre-Kindergarten classes. 26 districts of the 34 districts responding to the question, provide full-day Kindergarten classes. The survey reflects the need for 513 additional classrooms for Kindergarten and 593 classrooms for Pre-Kindergarten.

School Construction Grant Program

The Illinois General Assembly passed the School Construction Law (Public Act 90-548) in December 1997. To date, the School Construction Grant Program has benefited 502 school districts in every region of the state and has provided over $3.1 billion in state-funded grants to help local school districts. The program emphasis is on projects that alleviate the shortage of classroom space due to population growth or aged buildings.

The School Construction Grant Program has been a successful partnership, using local and state matching funds to build 265 new schools and 3,177 renovations/additions, resulting in 12,085 new classrooms throughout the state. A list of these school districts is available at www.cdb.state.il.us and www.isbe.net.

For media information call the Capital Development Board at 217-558-0516 or the Illinois State Board of Education at 217-782-2223. For details regarding the School Construction Grant Program, please call the Capital Development Board at 217-782-8708 or the Illinois State Board of Education at 217-785-8779.