Did You Know?

Condition of America’s Public School Facilities

The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) reported some startling statistics last year regarding the condition of educational facilities. Here are some of their findings:

- Based on survey responses, 53 percent of public schools needed to spend money on repairs, renovations, and modernizations to put the school’s onsite buildings in good overall condition.
- The areas of school facilities most in need of improvements include:
  - Windows (32%)
  - Plumbing/lavatories (31%)
  - Heating system, air conditioning system and ventilation/filtration system (30% each)
  - Energy management, security, and exterior lighting (29% each)
  - Roofs, interior finishes/trim, and internal communication systems (25%)
  - Electrical system (22%)
  - Technology infrastructure (21%)
  - Interior lighting and life safety features (19%)
  - Exterior walls/finishes (18%)
  - Framing, floors, and foundations (14%)
For more information, you can view the whole report from NCES.


**Featured Resources**

*Effects of School Buildings on Academic Achievement*

The condition of school buildings affect student success. EFC's library includes resources on the effects of architectural design, green spaces, safety, cleanliness and other aspects of the built school environment on student achievement.

[View resources](#)

**America's Preparathon: September 30**

*Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools (REMS) & Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)*

**America's PrepareAthon!**, a nationwide, community-based action campaign aimed at increasing emergency preparedness and resilience. On 2 days each year (April 30 and September 30), the campaign community supports National PrepareAthon!

For example, resources are available on preparing for seasonal weather emergencies such as:

- Earthquakes
- Floods
- Hurricanes
- Tornados
- Wildfires
- Winter Storms

More information and resources

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"Instruction ends in the school room, but education ends only with life."

- Frederick W. Robertson