

Why Facilities Matter

The research is clear—**where** students learn matters. Studies show that school facilities can have an impact on student achievement, attendance, drop-out rates, even behavior. It's also clear that many school buildings throughout the U.S. are in serious need of improvement.

Here are just a few reports highlighting this critical issue:

American Society of Civil Engineers Infrastructure Report Card, 2017

Florida's School Facilities Grade: D+

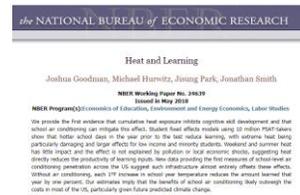
"The nation continues to underinvest in school facilities, leaving an estimated \$38 billion annual gap."



Heat and Learning

The National Bureau of Economic Research, May 2018

"The impact of heat on achievement is three times as large for black and Hispanic students as for white students....school air conditioning appears to offset nearly all of the damaging impacts of cumulative heat exposure on academic achievement."



The Importance of School Facilities in Improving Student Outcomes **Penn State Center for Evaluation and Education Policy Analysis**

"When the positive impacts of facility improvement on teachers and students are translated into dollar figures, the rewards of such investments far outstrip the cost of the investments."



Improving Student Achievement and School Facilities in a Time of Limited Funding

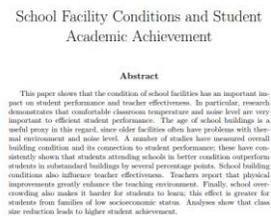
International Journal of Educational Leadership Preparation, 2009

"There is a direct and quantifiable connection between the condition of the school facilities and the student achievement."



School Facility Conditions and Student Academic Achievement **Glen Earthman, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, 2002**

"A number of studies have measured overall building condition and its connection to student performance; these have consistently shown that students attending schools in better condition outperform students in substandard buildings by several percentage points."



The Wise Man Builds his House Upon the Rock: The Effects of Inadequate School Building Infrastructure on Student Attendance

David Branham, University of Houston Center for Public Policy, 2004

"The quality of school infrastructure has a significant effect on school attendance and drop-out rates. Students are less likely to attend schools in need of structural repair, schools that use temporary structures and schools that have understaffed janitorial services."

