



# Illinois State Board of Education

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Tony Smith, Ph.D.  
State Superintendent of Education

May 12, 2016

Dear Superintendent:

Section 5-60 of the School Construction Law [105 ILCS 230/5-60] requires the State Board of Education and the Capital Development Board to file a comprehensive assessment report of the capital needs of all school districts with the General Assembly before January 1, 2017.

In an effort to compile the assessment needs, we are requesting that all school districts complete and submit the *Capital Needs Assessment Survey* by **September 6, 2016**. The surveying instrument has been attached for your convenience and may also be accessed on either of the following websites: [www.isbe.net/finance](http://www.isbe.net/finance) or [www.cdb.state.il.us](http://www.cdb.state.il.us).

The information gathered from this survey will be used to project future statewide capital needs for pre-kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade school districts. For past surveys in:

- 2007 - 450 surveys were received, reflecting a capital need of \$8.2 billion.
- 2009 - 456 surveys were received, reflecting a capital need of \$7.6 billion.
- 2011 - 618 surveys were received, reflecting a capital need of \$9.9 billion.
- 2013 - 385 surveys were received, reflecting a capital need of \$7 billion.
- 2015 - 558 surveys were received, reflecting a capital need of \$8 billion.

It is important that school districts respond to this survey so that we can continue to convey to legislators the capital needs required in our schools. We are also asking the regional superintendents to assist districts, if necessary, in completing the form and to assist us in ensuring that 100 percent of school districts participate. If you would like to receive a copy of past surveys your district submitted to ISBE, please email a request to [ckolaz@isbe.net](mailto:ckolaz@isbe.net) or call (217)785-8779 and a copy will be emailed to you.

Completed forms can be submitted to ISBE by emailing to [finance1@isbe.net](mailto:finance1@isbe.net), or by mailing to:

School Business Services  
100 North First Street (N-330)  
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**An electronic submittal is preferred so that electronic copies can be maintained for your future use.** If you have any questions, please contact Christine Kolaz, Illinois State Board of Education, at (217) 785-8779 or Marcy Joerger, Capital Development Board, at (217)782-8708.

Sincerely,

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cc: Regional Superintendents