

INFRASTRUCTURE FACT SHEET

THE HENRY VISCARDI SCHOOL



Last week, students, parents and advocates representing the 4201 Schools Association



from across the state traveled to the Capitol to ask for your support for its **Par 3 – Advocacy Agenda.**

As legislators begin working on their One-House Budgets we ask for your continued advocacy for Funding Parity tied to continuing:

- **OPERATIONAL SUPPORT;**
- **ANNUAL EDUCATION INCREASES and**
- **INVESTMENTS IN DEFERRED MAINTENANCE**

After six years of frozen funding and deferred maintenance, an investment in the health and safety of our facilities is critical. The 4201 Schools Association recommends that the 2016-17 State Budget include an investment of **\$11 million** to support deferred maintenance for projects that **enhance safety, improve efficiency and reduce operational costs.**

HERE ARE A FEW SPECIFIC FACTS THAT SPEAK TO OUR INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS:

- Founded in 1962 by Dr. Henry Viscardi, Jr., the Henry Viscardi School is an accredited model school that offers parents of children with severe physical disabilities and who often require life-sustaining medical treatment throughout the day, a traditional educational setting that provides rigorous academics and opportunities for personal growth and leadership development. Its specialized, accessible educational setting provides a fully-enriched academic program, a variety of therapies, assistive technology and medical supports to students who may otherwise need to receive instruction in their homes or a hospital.
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- **Fire Protection and Security:** The school's fire protection system is 50 years old. Parts, equipment and technology have become obsolete. The system needs to be replaced with an updated, low-voltage system that includes current technology features. Additionally, recent regulations require all schools to be equipped with a carbon monoxide system. We do not currently have one and this is a compliance concern. **Estimated cost: \$250,000.**
 - **HVAC:** The current HVAC units in the high school were purchased in 1989. Equipment has aged and has exceeded their life expectancy. The current units are in need of constant repair, do not work consistently or efficiently, and must be replaced. **Estimated cost: \$200,000.**
 - **Security and Emergency Management:** The current security camera system and corresponding technology are 15-plus years old and is outdated and ineffective. The camera system must be replaced with current technology and updated IP camera. Additionally, to increase our building security, state of the art lockdown technology and visitor management systems must be added. These additions will increase the safety and security for all students and staff. **Estimated cost: \$150,000.**