

INFRASTRUCTURE FACT SHEET



ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

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:

- St. Joseph's school was founded in 1869; today much of its physical plan dates to 1913.
- For the last three years its average annual energy costs topped \$133,000.
- The St. Joseph's community includes 110 deaf students and staff. In the event of an emergency, or the need to immediately shelter in place we are relying on public address equipment to alert members of the community that are hearing. Among our priorities, which are currently unfunded, include emergency notification and display panels for direct communications with our deaf population.



- St. Joseph's oil-based heating system supports 115,000 square feet of academic space - it was installed more than 20 years ago and carries an efficiency rating of approximately 80 percent. It requires frequent costly repair. Replacing it with a natural gas unit will increase our efficiency to 95 percent; while reducing our carbon footprint.