

State Public School Building Fund

2024-2025

The State Public School Building Fund was created to provide state funds for the capital improvement of schools in the state. Such capital improvements include the cost of erecting, repairing, equipping, remodeling, and enlarging school buildings and related facilities.

The financial structure of the State Public School Building Fund is made up of three interlocking, yet distinct features:

- (1) annual grants to school districts
- (2) legislative funding of the program
- (3) state school bonds.

For the past several years, Public School Building Funds, which are set aside through MS Code § 37-47-33, have been redirected to fund the Mississippi Student Funding Formula, leaving districts without the resources necessary to make much needed repairs and renovations to their schools.

Additional support for capital improvement of schools has been provided on the local level through local bond elections. The following shows the results of local bond elections during the 2024-2025 school year:

Record of School Bond Elections

2024-2025

School District	Amount	Passed/Failed	Percentage of Voters For/Against
Lamar County School District	\$117,000,000	Passed	64.15%/35.85
Ocean Springs School District	\$52,000,000	Passed	86.8%/13.2%
Poplarville Separate School District	\$16,500,000	Failed	23.6%/76.4%
Senatobia Municipal School District	\$9,000,000	Passed	97%/3%
Tupelo Public School District	\$34,000,000	Passed	94.47%/5.54%

*119 districts reporting